



## **Shelby Christian Church**

CORE 52: LIVING IT: GOSPEL

MARK 1:1, JOHN 2. ACTS 20:24, ROMANS 1:16, GALATIANS 1:6-9 \* 7/13/2025

**What do you usually think of when you hear the phrase the Gospel?**

**Can you think of some times in your life that you received good news? What was it? How did it make you feel? Have you ever had the privilege of relaying unexpected good news to someone else? How did it make you feel to be able to tell good news?**

**Give an example of a way you've seen Christians or the Church get their duty of the sharing the gospel wrong. What are some of the consequences of that?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MARK 1:1**

**Why do you think Mark starts his Gospel this way, without a birth narrative or genealogy like Matthew or Luke? What does the term “gospel” mean in this context, and how might Mark’s audience have understood it? Why is it significant that Jesus is called both “Christ” (Messiah) and “Son of God”? How might this opening verse set the tone or theme for the rest of Mark’s Gospel?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 2**

**How do these events from the very beginning of Jesus' early ministry foreshadow the Good News he was here to bring? How can this passage reshape our understanding of joy, celebration, or provision in Christ?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 20:24**

**What does Paul say about how he views his own life? What is Paul’s main goal or “only aim” according to this verse? How does Paul describe the task Jesus gave him? What challenges keep you from fully embracing your calling to testify to God's grace?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 1:16**

**Why might someone be tempted to be ashamed of the gospel in Paul’s time—or in ours? In what situations do you personally feel tempted to stay silent about your faith? What does Paul mean when he calls the gospel “the power of God” Why is it significant that salvation is offered “first to the Jew, then to the Gentile”?**

**HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GALATIANS 1:6-9**

**What does Paul say they are doing to the gospel? How does Paul describe the “different gospel”? How does this “different gospel” differ from the true gospel Paul preached? Who does Paul say might preach a different gospel? What might “perverting the gospel” look like in today’s context?**

## APPLICATION

**Share with the group the last bit of good news you received as well as the last "good news" you couldn't wait to share.**

**Are you uncomfortable giving Jesus the title Emperor? Why or why not? What difference would it make in the church if we actually treated Jesus as an Emperor and not merely a Savior?**

**What practical things could we do as individuals or as a group to submit to Jesus as our King?**

**What is one area of your life currently that you do not allow Jesus Christ to rule and reign in? What can you do differently this week to allow Him to?**

## PRAYER