

The Gospel calls for repentant faith in Jesus the Christ, summoning us to follow him as Lord and Savior by becoming his disciple though Baptism in the Church.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

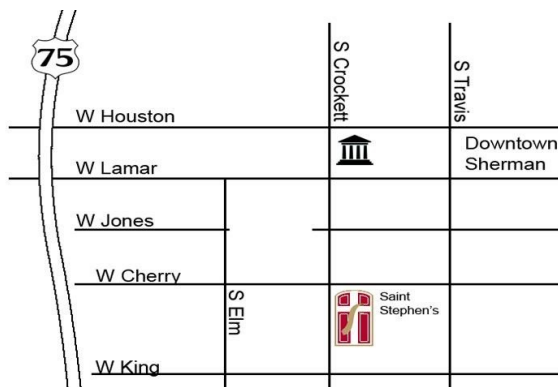
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ... "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit..."

(Acts 2:36-39)

But is he your King?

It's easy to think that being a Christian is about following primarily the teachings of Jesus. But Jesus doesn't give us the option of separating his teachings from himself. He's not just one of several great religious teachers, but truly Lord and God. Faith isn't just about believing the truth of certain information but about allegiance and trust of the person. An American may acknowledge that Elizabeth is the Queen of England, but she's not "our Queen". Coming to Jesus isn't just acknowledging him as a king, but our saying "and he's my King".



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Christian Formation (All Ages) 8:30^{AM}

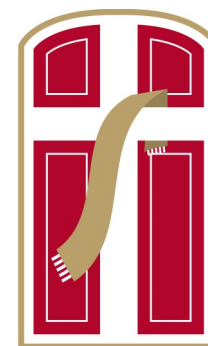
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Historic Faith

Sustaining Love

EVANGELISM



ST. STEPHEN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TO BE FULL OF FAITH AND THE HOLY SPIRIT (ACTS 6:5)

The Message

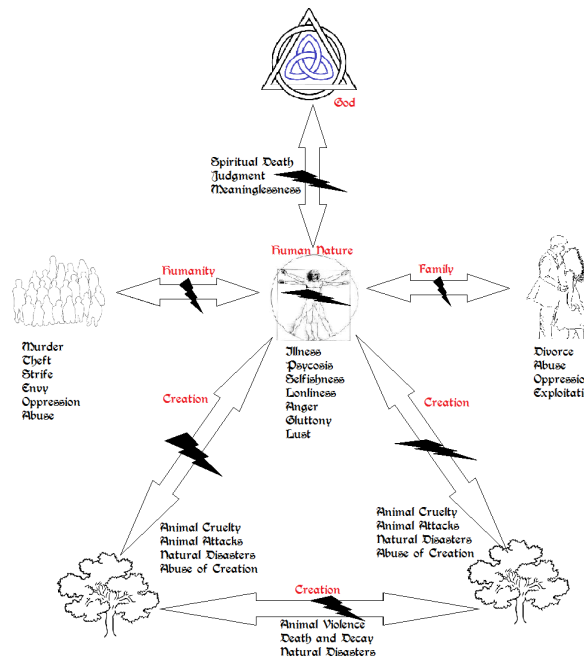
The Gospel is about Jesus: his death, resurrection, and ascension.

The Gospel is the royal proclamation that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and so triumphed over death, sin, and all the powers of evil in the world. Jesus is the Son of God, God's Christ (Messiah) the anointed true King and Savior of the world.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news [Gospel] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain, For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
(1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

The Purpose

This Gospel is a big deal because all creation is in big trouble! Sin has broken every aspect of our existence! This has lead to many evils in the world. Jesus is the solution to this problem.



The results of the Gospel of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection is the ensured victory over the powers of sin and death which corrupt and destroy the world.

The Purpose of the Gospel is nothing less then the redemption of all creation! (Romans 8:19-23, Revelation 21:1-8)

Jesus is Lord and "Caesar" is not!

Jesus is Lord and death is not!

Jesus is Lord and sin is not!

Jesus is Lord and the powers of hell are not!

The Means

- 1 Keep People in Prayer**
It is only God that can convert a soul, and it is the Holy Spirit that must work in a person to bring about faith. (There is some mysterious connection between this and free choice).
- 2 Remember the Gospel**
The Gospel is a proclamation. At some point it must be verbalized! Good works demonstrate the Gospel but are not the Gospel itself.
- 3 Be a true follower of Jesus**
Put the implications of the Gospel into action! If you are not living as a disciple of Jesus why should people take you seriously?
- 4 Be genuine**
Don't consider people as objects to be won. Have a genuine concern for them as people, not numbers. You are merely the messenger, not their savior.
- 5 Be honest with questions**
If you don't know something be honest and ask someone who may know. Not all questions may have an answer this side of the Resurrection.
- 6 Be patient with hostility**
It's not (always) your fault if the message is ill received. Pray for those who are hostile, be a friend if possible, don't worry about it if turned away.
- 7 Learn more about your Faith**
A Disciple is a learner and we all have more to learn about following Jesus. The more you know about the Faith the easier it will be to talk about it to others.