

**Mark 1:14-15 — "Thanksgiving For The Gospel of Jesus Christ"**

"Never lose heart in the power of the gospel. Do not believe that there exists any man, much less any race of men, for whom the gospel is not fitted." (Spurgeon)

- The gospel is the **message** of what God has done for sinners & how sinners must then respond.

**Romans 1:16-17: The Gospel**

1. **Exclusive** - only message of salvation (Rom 1.16a)
2. **God** (God's righteousness - condemns sinners & God is righteous)
3. **Imputation** (the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith)
4. **Available** (to all who believe – to Jews/Greeks)

**Main point: JESUS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO PREACHING THE GOSPEL!**

**I. THE MOMENT IS NOW! (15a)****II. THE MESSIAH IS HERE! (15b)**

3 specific ways the term "Kingdom of God" is used in Scripture:

1. The Majestic Kingdom - Jesus REIGNS over all (Ps 93:1; 1 Tim 1:17; Ps 103:19)
2. The Mediatorial Kingdom - Jesus WILL REIGN [as Mediator] on the Throne of David in fulfillment of Covenant Promises (Lk 1; Mat 19; Rev 20; Isa 9; Jer 23; 33)
3. The Redemptive Kingdom - We are transferred out of the kingdom of Satan to the Kingdom of Christ (Col 1; Acts 28.31)

**III. THE MANDATE TO REPENT & BELIEVE! (15c)****A. Repent! >> Thorough Turning!****B. Believe! >> Submissive Trusting!**

Faith brings 3 realities together:

1. **ASSENT** to it — I *know* this is true.
2. **RELY** on it — I *rely* and stand by this truth.
3. **LIVE** by it — I will *obey* and follow this truth.

**C. WHY SHOULD YOU REPENT & BELIEVE? WHAT ARE 4 MOTIVATIONS???**

1. God's Truth - Knowing God's Truth must prompt repentance (Matt 11.21-24)
2. Genuine Sorrow - Sorrow for your sin must prompt repentance (2 COR 7.9-10)
3. God's Patience - God's exceeding kindness/mercy must prompt repentance (Rom 2.4)
4. Divine Judgment - The Fear of God's final judgment must prompt repentance (Acts 17.30-31)
5. Joyful Forgiveness - to turn & believe brings blessed forgiveness (Ps 32.1ff)

The Gospel Brings/gives:

1. **obedience** - you hear & obey it
2. **opposition/suffering** - you suffer & receive shame for it
3. **hope** - you have hope in heaven
4. **life** - it snatches out of death & gives life
5. **power** - it is POWER, inherent power
6. **progress** - it advances, progresses
7. **assurance** - it guarantees your protection from hell.

## AND CAN IT BE?

And can it be that I should gain  
 An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
 Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
 For me, who Him to death pursued?  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
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 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
 So free, so infinite His grace;  
 Emptied Himself of all but love,  
 And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
 For, O my God, it found out me.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
 Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
 I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread;  
 Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
 Alive in Him, my living Head,  
 And clothed in righteousness divine,  
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
 Amazing love! how can it be  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me!

## NOW WHY THIS FEAR?

Now why this fear and unbelief?  
 Has not the Father put to grief  
 His spotless Son for us?  
 And will the righteous Judge of men  
 Condemn me for that debt of sin  
 Now canceled at the cross?

**Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood**  
**Jesus, You've rescued us**  
**Through Your great love**

Complete atonement You have made  
 And by Your death have fully paid  
 The debt Your people owed  
 No wrath remains for us to face  
 We're sheltered by Your saving grace  
 And sprinkled with Your blood

Be still my soul and know this peace  
 The merits of your great high priest  
 Have bought your liberty  
 Rely then on His precious blood  
 Don't fear your banishment from God  
 Since Jesus sets you free

## COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it  
Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last

## JESUS THANK YOU

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

**Your blood has washed away my sin**

**Jesus, thank You**

**The Father's wrath completely satisfied**

**Jesus, thank You**

**Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table**

**Jesus, thank You**

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

The gospel is an everlasting monument of God's wisdom, grace, and love. O may I feel more of the power, receive more of the light, and manifest more of the spirit of the gospel! O may I find it as sweet as honey, yes sweeter than the honeycomb to my taste! (James Smith)