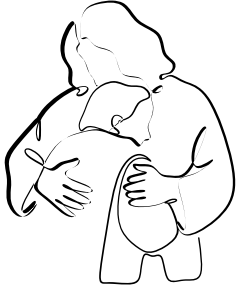


UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL

Here's a 5-point summary of the Gospel, from the Forge Multiplying Movements training, to refresh, encourage and inspire you to remain steadfast

THE GOSPEL



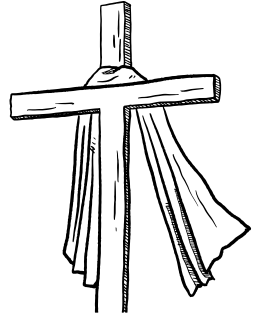
1 GOD LOVES US AND INVITES US TO A LIFE WITH HIM.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." – **JOHN 3:16**

God's offer does not require strenuous religious activity, theological box-checking, or please-me-if-you-can hoop jumping. He only asks that we believe in and follow after His Son, Jesus—who lived, died, and rose again so that God's love and life might be ignited in ME and in YOU.

2 CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS.

"BY THIS GOSPEL YOU ARE SAVED . . . THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, THAT HE WAS BURIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY . . ." – **1 CORINTHIANS 15:2-4**



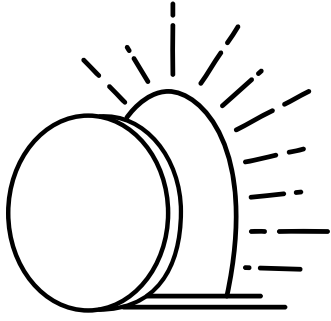
We are separated from God because of our sin (Isaiah 59:2). Our sin will lead us to death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23). No one can cross the gap to God on their own. The sin chasm is too wide.

Therefore, Jesus comes to us, paying the price for our sin! Jesus took our place and our penalty for sin, to bring us to God.

3 CHRIST WAS BURIED.

"CHRIST ALSO DIED FOR SINS ONCE FOR ALL, THE RIGHTEOUS FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS, THAT HE MIGHT BRING US TO GOD" – **1 PETER 3:18**

Jesus could not have survived Roman flogging and crucifixion. The Romans were expert executioners. Jesus really was God. He truly did take on the punishment for our sin.



4 CHRIST RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

"HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!" – **LUKE 24:6-7**

Jesus really did rise from the dead, not just spiritually but physically. Jesus' resurrection is the most important moment in history! Without the resurrection, we wouldn't have Christianity (1 Corinthians 15:14).

With the resurrection, we have the most amazing news ever told!

5 THE GOOD NEWS!

"THEN HE APPEARED TO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED BROTHERS AT ONE TIME, MOST OF WHOM ARE STILL ALIVE, THOUGH SOME HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. THEN HE APPEARED TO JAMES, THEN TO ALL THE APOSTLES." – **1 CORINTHIANS 15: 6-7**



"Gospel" means Good News! This word was used in ancient times to announce kings in great military victories. In the Gospel, Jesus is announced as the new King!

Our faith is founded on this rock, King Jesus. The death of Jesus really did pay the price for our sin. We will be resurrected too when Jesus returns. We can let these truths fill us with joy, peace, and contentment.

Jesus appeared to many people, proving His resurrection and power to transform lives (1 Corinthians 15:5-8)!

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE.

Jesus died for our sin, was buried, and rose from the dead, revealing that He really is the One, true King and Lord of all.

The Gospel doesn't take a doctorate in philosophy to understand. God places the cookies on the bottom shelf when he invites us to understand the Gospel. Everyone, everywhere, has easy access.

Has this Good News fully impacted every aspect of your life? Where do you need to allow the Gospel to more fully impact you—any key relationships? Your finances? Your choices in this season of life? How you invest your time? The people who need Jesus around you?

Forge Speaker Nathan Burd does an incredible job sharing the profound truth of understanding the Gospel in the Forge training, Multiplying Movements. If you're not familiar with this electronic resource from Forge, take a moment to download the Forging Lives App. You can watch the "Rediscovering the Good News" video right on the app for free inside the section labeled "Multiplying Movements."