



The Gospel

Gospel

- From Anglo-Saxon *good spell*, good story, good news
- Later shortened to *godspel* as if *God* + *spel* (story, history)
- Teachings of Jesus and Apostles
 - Webster's New World, 625



I. What Is It? Word Of God

Synonyms

- Philip preached:

Christ
Ac.8:5, 35

Word/Gospel
Ac.8:25, 40

- Paul preached:

The Gospel
Ga.1:11

The Faith
Ga.1:23

**Doctrine /
Gospel**
1 Tim.1:10-11

- Peter preached:

Obey gospel
1 Pt.4:17

Obey truth
1 Pt.1:22

"Good news"

- Generic: 1 Th.3:6
- Specific: 1 Co.15:1-3
- Bad press about Good news: "we can hear news only once." **Wrong**

Apostles preached gospel
to sinners *and* saints.

Ro.1:1, 7...15

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- Three facts sinners must believe –
 1. Christ died for our sins
 2. Christ rose from the dead
 3. Christ ascended to heaven
- Three salvations provided –
 1. Salvation from sin
 2. Salvation from grave
 3. Salvation in heaven

Men cannot manufacture good news

- Can **atheists** offer hope?
- Stephen Hawking's **gravity**?
- Can man-made **churches** offer a better plan of salvation?

I. What Is It? Word Of God

II. When Is It Operative?

The right time is now

Patriarchal

Mosaic

Gospel

Noah; ark


**Thief;
RYR**

Law of Christ

Hb.9

**Planned,
Mt.28**

**Preached,
Ac.2**



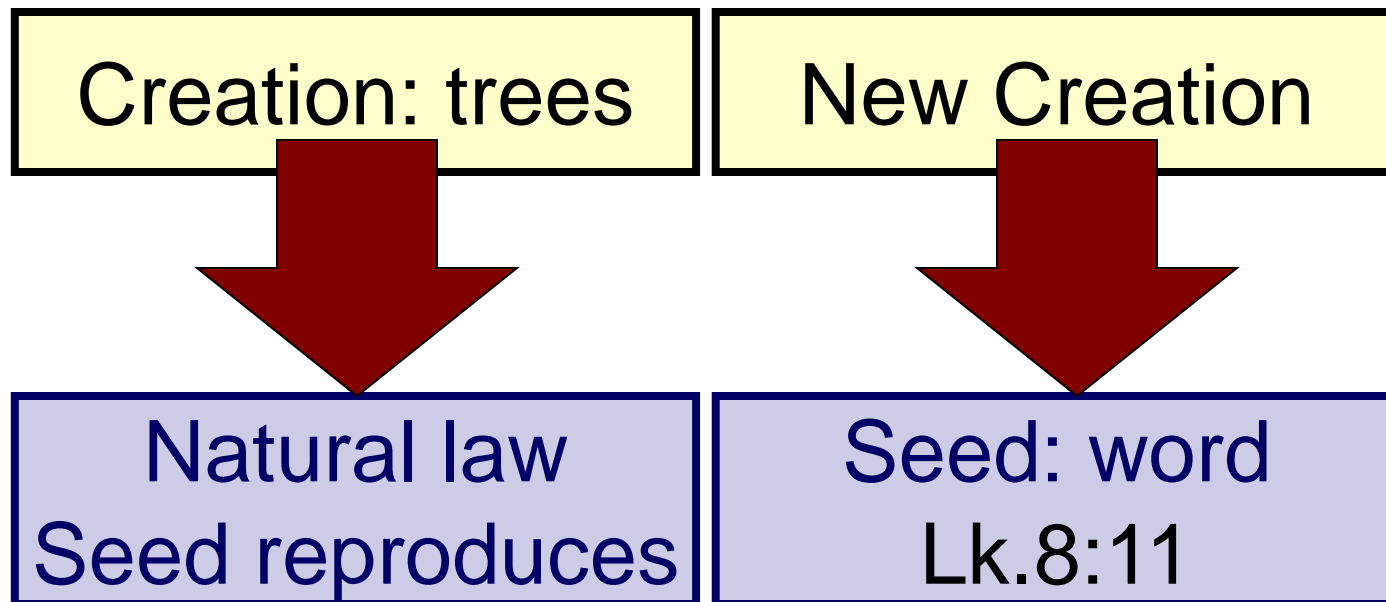
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III. Why Is It Required?

Only gospel has power to save

- Mt.4:1-11; Lk.16
- Gn.1: "*God said*" (ten times)



God's written word is as powerful as His spoken word

- Jn.11, **spoken**
- Jn.20:30-31, **written**
 - John wrote what he saw (21:24f)
 - That we may believe, 20:31;
ch.11

**we believe same facts
as eye-witnesses**


Ro.1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation for
everyone who believes, for the Jew first and
also for the Greek

**Paul's
attitude:**
not
ashamed

**God's
Power:**
the
gospel

**Gospel's
purpose:**
to
salvation



Mk.16:15-16, gospel salvation

- **Place:** all the world
- **Preach:** gospel
- **People:** every creature
- **Precepts:** believe and be baptized
- **Pardon:** shall be saved

Hb.4:12

- Living, active: Hb.11
- Sharper...piercing
- Two edged sword
 - Is.55:11, not void
 - Mk.7:13, make void

Mk.16:16b

The gospel does not save . . .

**Stubborn
unbeliever**

Hb.4:2

**Impenitent
sinner**

Lk.13:1-5

**Unwilling
to listen**

Ep.3:4

**Some
marriages**


Ep.5

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IV. What To Do With It?

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- Obey it sincerely, Ro.6:17
 - Guard it faithfully, Ph.1:17
 - Spread it actively, 1 Co.9:16
 - Suffer for it bravely, 2 Tim.2:3