

THE NECESSITY OF THE  
**ARTICULATED**  
GOSPEL

**Romans 10:1-15**

“For I am **NOT ASHAMED** of the **GOSPEL**,  
for it is the **POWER OF GOD** for  
**SALVATION** to **EVERYONE** who  
**BELIEVES**, to the Jew first and also to the  
Greek.”

**Romans 1:16**

# TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL

We are convinced that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been **MISREPRESENTED**, **MISUNDERSTOOD**, and **MARGINALIZED** in many Churches and among many who **CLAIM** the name of Christ. **COMPROMISE** of the Gospel has led to the preaching of false gospels, the seduction of many minds and movements, and the **WEAKENING** of the Church's Gospel witness.

As in previous moments of theological and spiritual **crisis** in the Church, we believe that the answer to this **confusion** and **compromise** lies in a...

...comprehensive RECOVERY and REAFFIRMATION of the Gospel – and in Christians banding together in Gospel Churches that **display God's glory** in this fallen world.

We are also brothers united in deep CONCERN for THE CHURCH and THE GOSPEL. This concern is specifically addressed to certain trends within the Church today. We are concerned about the tendency of so many Churches to substitute TECHNIQUE for TRUTH, THERAPY for THEOLOGY, and MANAGEMENT for MINISTRY...

We are also **CONCERNED** that God's glorious purpose for Christ's Church is often **ECLIPSED** by so many other issues, programs, technologies, and priorities.

Furthermore, **CONFUSION** over crucial questions concerning the authority of the Bible, the meaning of the Gospel, and the nature of truth itself have **GRAVELY WEAKENED** the Church in terms of its WITNESS, its WORK, and its IDENTITY.

We stand together for the Gospel – and for a **FULL and GLADDENING RECOVERY** of the Gospel in the Church...

We are **CONVINCED** that such a **RECOVERY** will be evident in the form of **faithful Gospel Churches**, each **bearing faithful witness** to the **GLORY OF GOD** and the **POWER** of the **GOSPEL** of **JESUS CHRIST**.

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“...without a CLEAR PRESENTATION of the gospel, God’s MISSION is NOT being done.”

**-Dr. Jerry Rankin**  
**Former President of International Mission Board of**  
**Southern Baptist Convention**



“We do not fail in our evangelism if we faithfully tell the gospel to someone who is not subsequently converted; we fail only if we do not faithfully tell the gospel at all.”

**-Mark Dever**  
**Pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church**  
**President of 9Marks**

**“TEST YOURSELF** to see if you are **in the faith**;  
**EXAMINE YOURSELVES!** Or do you not  
recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is  
in you—unless indeed you fail the test?”

**2 Corinthians 13:5**

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GOSPEL BECAUSE THE GOSPEL CANNOT  
BE ASSUMED (V. 1-3)**

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2. IT IS NECESSARY TO **ARTICULATE** THE  
GOSPEL BECAUSE THE GOSPEL IS NOT  
MYSTICAL [BUT RATHER, MYSTERY  
REVEALED] (V. 4-8)

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**3. IT IS NECESSARY TO ARTICULATE THE  
GOSPEL BECAUSE THE GOSPEL  
REQUIRES WORDS (V. 9-10)**

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4. IT IS NECESSARY TO **ARTICULATE** THE  
GOSPEL BECAUSE THE GOSPEL LEADS TO  
JESUS (V. 14-15)

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**What is the Gospel?**

We never “**get beyond the gospel**” in our Christian life to something more “**advanced.**” The gospel is not the first “**step**” in a “**stairway**” of truths, rather, it is more like the “**hub**” in a “**wheel**” of truth.

**The gospel is not just the A-B-C’s but the A-Z of Christianity.** The gospel is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we make progress in the kingdom.

We are not justified by the gospel and then sanctified by obedience, but the gospel is the way we grow ([Gal. 3:1-3](#)) and are renewed ([Col. 1:6](#)). It is the solution to each problem, the key to each closed door, the power through every barrier ([Rom. 1:16-17](#)).

**-Tim Keller**

“That’s why growth in Christ is never going beyond the gospel, but going deeper into the gospel. The purest waters from the spring of life are found by digging deeper, not wider, into the gospel well.”

**-J.D Greear,  
Pastor of Summit Church  
President of SBC**

GOD

MAN

CHRIST

**R**ESPONSE/FAITH



# G.M.C RESPONSE

# Explicit Gospel

# GOD

1. **CREATOR**—Gen 1:1; 26-27, Psl 19:1, Romans 1:20
2. **LOVING**—1 John 4:8; 1 John 4:19
3. **HOLY OR RIGHTEOUS**—Ex 34:6-7, Psl 11:7
4. **JUST**—“Yet He will not leave the guilty unpunished...” (Ex. 34:6-7)

# MAN

- 1. CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE FOR GOD'S PURPOSE—Gen 1:28**
- 2. TEMPTED BY SATAN/CHOSE REBELLION—Gen 3:17**
- 3. INHERENTLY/PROGRESSIVELY SINFUL—Rom 3:23; Rom 3:10; Isa 53:6; Eph 2:1**
- 4. TOTALLY DEPRAVED—Rom 8:7; Rom 1:24**
- 5. ETERNALLY**

# CHRIST

- 1. PROMISED MESSIAH— SINLESS, PERFECTLY OBEDIENT, PERFECT SACRIFICE—**Gen 3:15, Heb 9:12, 2 Cor 5:21
- 2. FULLY GOD & FULLY MAN—**John 1:1, 14
- 3. LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION, & ASCENSION**
- 4. FINISHED WORK ON THE CROSS—**Propitiation/Substitutionary Atonement—Col 1:22, 1 Cor 6:11, etc.
- 5. MEDIATOR/WAY TO/METHOD OF SALVATION—**1 Tim 2:5, John 14:6, etc.
- 6. SECOND COMING—**1 Cor 15:21-27

# RESPONSE/FAITH

1. REPENTANCE OF & TURNING FROM SIN
2. CONFESSION OF FAITH
3. RECEIVING GIFT OF FAITH, LOVE, AND HOPE
4. TRUSTING, OBEYING, WALKING & PERSEVERANCE IN FAITH—Bearing Fruit & Growing in the GOSPEL.
5. COMMITMENT TO/MEMBERSHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
6. PARTICIPATION OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

# G.M.C RESPONSE

## What is the Gospel?

The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ; it's the best news you'll ever hear—It is **HIS** story of **HIS** creation, man's rebellion, **HIS** redemption, and **HIS** restoration.



# GOD

In the beginning God; who is Trinitarian, totally self-sufficient, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, who is the essence and the embodiment of everything good, perfectly holy and righteous, created the universe *ex nihilo* in order to display His glory and out of the fathomless love of the fellowship within Himself—God created man in His image that man may delight in His presence and creation.

# MAN

Although man had been given/supplied every desire and need in the garden of Eden, man rebelled against God choosing to be a god unto himself; succumbing to the temptation and deceit of satan; therefore resulting in the eternal condemnation, separation, and helplessness to save himself from an unfulfilled life and a path unto a consequential and eventual spiritual and physical death due to their inherent and progressive sin—But God being rich in love, mercy, grace, and justice planned, since the beginning of time, to redeem man from the verdict of their sins through Jesus Christ.

# CHRIST

Hence, Jesus Christ who is the Son of God, who is God, who is the fulfillment of the law and of the prophecies, who is the complete and final word and the fullest expression of God, being fully God and fully man—having took on flesh (incarnation) through a virgin birth, lived a perfect, sinless, and obedient life paying the punishment of all the sins of mankind past, present, and future and took man's place on the cross satisfying the wrath of God toward sin—so that by His death sins be forgiven, by His resurrection sin and death be defeated and conquered, by His ascension He take the rightful place as the Lord and King over all eternity, creation, church, and humanity, and by His return He restores/renews all things to their original order—in Christ's finished work, which is already but not yet, sinners are saved, justified, sanctified by grace through faith once and for all that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

# RESPONSE

Therefore, in light of God's sovereign plan and in what Christ has accomplished; upon the hearing of this good news—we have the **joy of responding** to this gospel by confessing of our sins, believing with our heart that Christ has risen from the dead, calling on Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, trusting, relying, obeying Him daily through His word and prayer, partaking in baptism, discipleship, communion, and fellowship through the local church, and participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

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# APPLICATION

- Pray individually and corporately for conversion.
- Pray for the **regular preaching** of God's word to be faithful, biblical, and clear to draw non-Christians to believe, and for Christians to grow in faith.
- Foster a **culture of evangelism** rather than evangelism programs, through Baptism, small groups or large groups, regular teaching, and other corporate gatherings.
- Practice **community** evangelism