

Sunday May 23, 2021 A.D.

## What is the Gospel?

God's announcement of His Promise of grace revealed and accomplished in power by His only begotten Son, Christ our Lord. **The Gospel is a Promise to be believed, and also a command to be obeyed.**

For His elect in Christ, God grants what He commands and all His promises are yes and Amen!

**Hebrews 1:1-3; Galatians 4:4-6; Romans 1:1-6; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 1:20**

**When does the Gospel first appear in Scripture? In what context did God first make it known?**

**Gen. 2: 7-9.....15-17 .....18-25.....Gen. 3:6.....Gen. 3:15**

**Man.....The Garden.....The command/ The Promise.....The woman & covenant of Marriage.....the curse and Gospel**

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**1 Corinthians 15:1-6 The Gospel (made known to the Church; the Elect Bride)**

**Matthew 19: 4-6**

Our Lord Jesus Christ confirmed the Covenant of Marriage as a divine creation ordinance and a union not separable by man when He declared, "...**Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, <sup>5</sup>and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.**"

Moreover, the Holy Spirit of God, writing through the apostle Paul in:

**Ephesians 5:22-33**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is head of the wife, as Christ also is the Head of the Church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body. <sup>24</sup>But as the Church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that He might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup>for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the Church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of His Body. <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the Church. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

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**Proverbs 31: 10-31**

...<sup>28</sup>Her children rise up and bless her; and her husband also, and he praises her saying: <sup>29</sup>"Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." <sup>30</sup>Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. <sup>31</sup>Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

Therefore what are the biblical marks of a healthy Church? [A healthy marriage and family?]

**1. \*The Gospel of the grace of God in Christ 2. True faith and obedient subjection to God and His word**

**3. Biblically qualified Elders 4. Church discipline 5. Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Table**

**Ephesians 2: 10**

<sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.