

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.....15-1718-25.....Gen. 3:6.....Gen. 3:15

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

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, ⁵and 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'? ⁶So 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

²²Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is head of the wife, as Christ also is the Head of the Church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body. ²⁴But as the Church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the Church, ³⁰because we are members of His Body. ³²This is a great mystery; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the Church. ³³Nevertheless, 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.

Proverbs 31: 10-31

...²⁸Her children rise up and bless her; and her husband also, and he praises her saying: ²⁹"Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." ³⁰Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹Give 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

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