

GOOD NEWS!

#1: Gospel at the Center



What is a 'Gospel-Driven' Church?

A congregation that is seeking to keep Jesus and His Gospel **FRONT AND CENTER** in church life

Gospel at the Center: Why?

- The Gospel was the **CENTRAL MESSAGE** of Jesus
- The Gospel is the primary message Jesus told His followers to **PROCLAIM** to the world
- Jesus declared that His Gospel was the **ANTICIPATION** and **FULFILLMENT** of all the Old Testament scriptures
- The Gospel was the central message of the early **APOSTLES** and spiritual **LEADERS**
- The Gospel was the message **PAUL** considered to be 'of first importance'
- The **ORDINANCES** of the Church picture Gospel events and truths
- The Gospel is the message to be most fiercely defended, **GUARDED**, and faithfully **PRESERVED** in its transmission by the Church

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

THE PERSON AND WORK — *ESPECIALLY THE SAVING WORK* — OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

- † Jesus Is The **POWERFUL CREATOR**, By Whom And For Whom All Things Were Made *JOHN 1:1-3*
- † Jesus Is The **PROMISED MESSIAH**—The Fulfillment Of God's Promise To Israel That A Descendant Of David Would Come To Reign Over His Chosen People *JOHN 1:41; JOHN 4:25-26*
- † Jesus Is The **LAW FULFILLER**, Who Came And Lived The Perfect Life That No One Else Could Live *MATTHEW 5:17; ROMANS 8:3-4*
- † Jesus Is The **SACRIFICIAL LAMB**, Who Though Completely Innocent Would Be Slaughtered For The Sins Of The World *JOHN 1:29*
- † Jesus Is The **WRATH REMOVER**, Who Would Absorb In His Own Body The Full Brunt Of God's Righteous Anger Against Our Sin *1 JOHN 2:2*
- † Jesus Is The **SUFFERING SAVIOR** Who Would Be Tortured And Executed In Order To Redeem A People For Himself *1 PETER 3:18*
- † Jesus Is The **LIVING LORD** Who Would Rise Victoriously From The Grave And Impart His Resurrection Life To All Who Would Believe *ROMANS 8:11*
- † Jesus Is The **GRACIOUS GIVER** Of His Perfect Righteousness To All Who Repent, Apart From Any Good Works They Have Done *2 CORINTHIANS 5:21; PHILIPPIANS 3:9*
- † Jesus Is The **RIGHTEOUS RULER** Sent From Heaven To Establish His Kingly Reign On Earth And Usher In The Truly Good Life For His Royal Subjects *LUKE 1:33; 1 TIMOTHY 6:15*
- † Jesus Is The Truly **JUST JUDGE** Who Will Evaluate And Separate Humanity At The End Of The Age, Set All Things Right, And Reward His People *JOHN 5:22, 30*
- † Jesus Is The **GLORIOUS GOD** Himself, Who Will Usher In A New Creation, Rule Over It, And Reconcile All Things To Himself *TITUS 2:13*

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 1 Samuel 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: 1 Samuel 24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: 1 Samuel 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: 1 Samuel 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: 1 Samuel 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: 1 Samuel 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: 1 Samuel 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: 1 Samuel 27 |

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