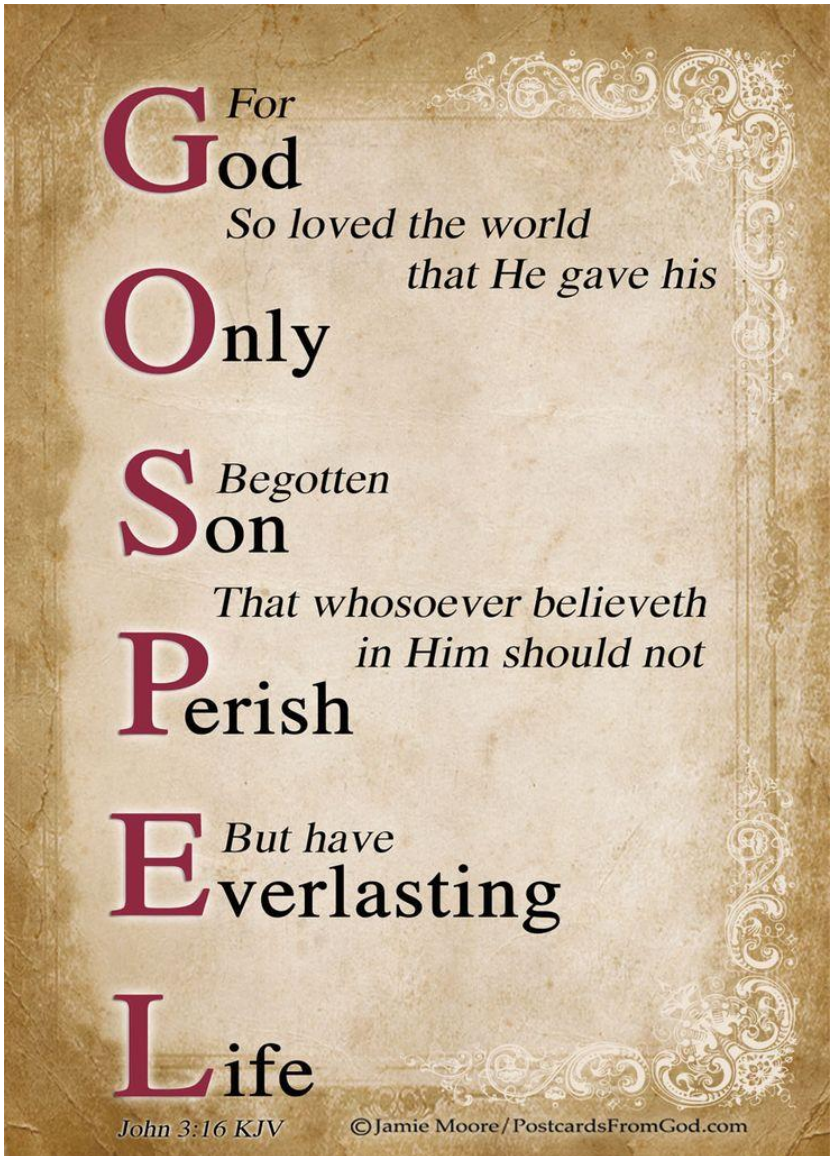


The Gospel According to Shepherds

Luke 2:8–20



1. The Gospel is good news for _____ people regardless of _____ they are or _____ they are, vs. 8-10.

“In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people.”

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:9–10)

2. The Gospel has the power to bring about _____ in a life, vs. 9.

“And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.”

“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)

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

3. The Gospel results in great _____, vs. 10, 20.

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people.”

“The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.” (Luke 2:20)



4. The Gospel demands that I must _____ everything to follow Jesus, vs. 15-16.

“When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.”

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. “For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?” (Luke 9:23–25)

“Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:14–15)

5. The Gospel cries out to be heralded aloud to _____ and _____, vs. 10, 17-18.

“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people.” (Luke 2:10)

“When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.” (Luke 2:17–18)

“for “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.” How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!” However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:13–17)



“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,”
(Matthew 28:19)

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” (Mark 16:15)

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

“I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 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 1:14–16)

My Response: Questions about the impact of the gospel in your life.

- Has there been a definitive change in your life since you met Christ?
- Is your life characterized more by joy or anxiety and fear?
- Have you abandoned the things that kept you from Christ or are you still trying to cling to them?
- Do you have an internal burden to proclaim the good news of the gospel or are you silent?
- Do you cringe in the slightest when you think about someone of another color, nation, religion, economic class, etc. who comes to the knowledge of Christ and is saved?

Answers: All, Who, Where, Sudden Change, Joy, Abandon, Everyone, Everywhere.

