

Grace and the Gospel I Corinthians 15:1-11

Intro: Can you offer a biblical definition of “the gospel”? Do you know why “grace” is so important in the biblical consideration of the gospel? Do you know how important “grace” is in your Christian walk once you trust Christ as your savior? How close to “easy believism” do you think many Christians are today who profess Christ as their Savior? Does your personal sin make you cringe when you think about its impact at Calvary? Does the holiness of God overwhelm you with fear or admiration as the basis for personal godliness in your life? As you consider these questions, listen to JI Packer in his introduction to John Owen’s, *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ*. And then consider John MacArthur in, *Reckless Faith*, pgs. 41-43.

Isaiah 45:15 Truly, Thou art a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!
(cf. Luther in, *Luther’s Theology of the Cross*, Alister McGrath, pg. 2)

The purpose of the triune godhead in the incarnation of Jesus.

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man has come **to seek and to save that which was lost.**”

I Timothy 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all.

Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, **and to give His life a ransom for many.**

Galatians 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,**

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26 that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church** in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, **Christ Jesus; 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed** and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.¹

¹*New American Standard Bible*. 1986; Published in electronic form by Logos Research Systems, 1996 (electronic edition.) (Tit 2:13). La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.