

## **Introduction**

- We can never say all that there is to say about the gospel.
- A great deal of error abounds today concerning the gospel.
- The Christian needs well equipped to be able to share the gospel.

### **1. To Fulfil God's Plan**

- Some object and say - He was killed
- Acts 2:23b
- Jesus Christ's death wasn't a martyr's death. John 10:11
- Jesus spoke of His coming death Mark 10:31
- God was in control Acts 2:23a
- God didn't have to save anyone
- God chose a great number unto life in Christ Ephesians 1:4
- God's eternal plan unfolded but by bit throughout the Old Testament.
- Genesis 3:15 s the first promise of a Saviour.

### **2. To Bring Glory to God**

- We tend to make the gospel focus on man.
- All things are for God's glory including

the gospel.

- All that the Lord Jesus did proclaims how glorious God is.
- His coming into the world revealed God's glory Luke 2:14
- Christ viewed His approaching death as a means to glorify God John 12:23, 17:1
- His death brought glory to God in a number of ways.
- Displayed God's wisdom Romans 11:36
- Displayed God's holiness & righteousness Romans 3:25&26
- Displayed God's grace & love Romans 5:8

### **3. To Rescue Rebels**

- Saw previously that all are sinners
- Every sin is an expression of rebellion against God Psalm 51:4
- Sin is not laughing matter Romans 8:7
- Sin comes from inside and not from our environment Mark 7:21-23
- Sin has consequences Romans 6:23
- God hates sin Habakkuk 1:13
- God's wrath rests on mankind without Christ Romans 1-3
- Jesus came to save sinners, to take the punishment of others - I Timothy 1:15

- Jesus was dying as a substitute Isaiah 53:6
- Why the Saviour had to be God and man.
- So who did He die for? John 10:10
- Christ didn't come just to make salvation possible - but to save.
- Bible has variety of pictures about what Christ's death achieved.

**PROPIATION** - appease and pacify anger

See Romans 3:24&25

**REDEMPTION** - purchase by the payment of a costly price. A ransom Mark 10:45. We couldn't free selves. Christ blood bought freedom from an empty way of life, from the curse of a broken law and from lawlessness. I Peter 1:18, Galatians 3:13, Titus 2:14.

**JUSTIFICATION** - a declaration by God that a sinner is now right with Him; that the law of God is satisfied and that the individual is free from all liability of a broken law. This declaration is all because of the finished work of Jesus Christ Romans 3:24

**RECONCILIATION** - we are all enemies of God by nature. Christ alone can reconcile sinners to God Colossians 1:21-23

#### 4. How we Receive the Benefits that Christ Secured

- Not a group deal.
- Must be received individually.
- Two things that we must do Mark 1:15, Acts 20:20&21
- Can only do this when God brings us alive spiritually - John 3
- **Repentance** - a change of mind regarding sin and turning from it in new obedience to God. Hating our sin and how it displeases God.
- **Faith** - believing in who Jesus Christ is and what He has done - that He died as a substitute for sinners.
- More than head knowledge - personal assent, asking, receiving, resting on Christ alone to make us right with God.

#### Conclusion

- The most important thing about any human being is what they have done with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- He promises to save completely all who come to Him Hebrews 7:25

Read Paul's testimony in Philippians 3:4-11  
Do you have a testimony of God's saving work in your life?

#### Questions

1. What sort of responses do men and women make towards the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. How would you help someone who says - I am trying my best to get right with God my myself?
3. Since Christ's death for sinners was to glorify God what impact does this have on our sharing the gospel with others?
4. In what ways do men and women display that they are by nature at enmity with God?
5. How would you help someone who says - didn't Jesus die for everyone?
6. What comfort does the doctrine of justification bring to the true Christian?
7. In I Peter 1 Peter speaks of the Lord redeeming sinners from the empty way of life. In what ways are people's lives empty without Christ?
8. How would you help someone who says, I am too bad for the Lord to save me?  
*What does the Lord Jesus Christ's death mean for you?*

*Have you personally trusted in His finished work or are you still trusting in your own DIY rescue from sin?*

# Life's Big Questions Answered



## Study 3

# So Why did Jesus Die?