



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 3: RECEIVING THE GOSPEL

Review

What are the two main types of teaching found in the Bible? Can you give examples of each? Which is the *focus* of the Bible? What is each one good for? Give an example of the LAW. Give an example of the GOSPEL. What are some differences between the two?

The Gospel

The word *gospel* means _____.

What is this *good news*? That Jesus . . .

1. _____ Gal 4:4-5 (588)
2. _____ 1 Peter 3:18 (591)

Activity

Find five Bible passages that are mostly (or entirely) gospel.

Passages that have to do with God's commands to people or God's judgment against sin are *law*.

Passages that have to do with how Jesus has saved us or anything connected with that salvation are *gospel*.

The Importance Of the Gospel

In the *gospel*, God tells us that our sins are forgiven because Jesus paid for all our sins by dying on the cross. It is very important for us to know the gospel and believe it. If we did not have the gospel, we could never be sure if we were going to heaven or not.

The Gospel Is Shared With Us

How does God share the *gospel* with us?



1. THE GOSPEL IS GIVEN TO US THROUGH GOD'S WORD

- a) God *tells* us the good news of Jesus in the Bible
- b) God *tells* us that our sins are forgiven
- c) God *tells* us that Jesus lived a perfect life for us and paid for our sins

The word of God, the Bible, is a way (a means) by which God gives His gospel to us.



2. THE GOSPEL IS GIVEN TO US THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS

- a) In the sacred act of the Lord's Supper, Jesus not only tells us that our sins are forgiven, but He *shows* us the body and blood of the Lord which was used to pay for our sins
- b) In the sacred act of baptism, Jesus *shows* us that He washes away our sins

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The gospel is also presented in the sacraments. The Lord's Supper and baptism are two additional ways (means) by which God gives His gospel to us.

- THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE, THE LORD'S SUPPER, and BAPTISM are often called the *means of grace* because they are the ways in which God tells us about forgiveness in Jesus and gives that forgiveness to us.

Assignment

- Follow Bible Reading Schedule 2 this week
- Know the three ways the gospel is shared with us (the means of grace)