

“A Limited Time Offer”
“The Implications of the Gospel” Part 9
2 Corinthians 6:2

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

**We believe that God commands everyone
everywhere to believe the gospel
by turning to Him in repentance and
receiving the Lord Jesus Christ.**

1. God's gospel requires a response.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16

- God has purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself.
- We know this because God Himself revealed it to us through the Bible.
- Our central problem is our sin which alienates us from God and as a result we now stand under His wrath.
- In the person of Jesus Christ, the gospel is revealed in history and is accomplished through His work.
- Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man.

*“Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life,
was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He was buried
and arose bodily from the dead, and is now
our High Priest and Advocate.”*

- Jesus is the perfect all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins.
- We are joined to Christ by faith.
- Jesus death and resurrection is applied to our lives by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit now empowers us to live in a new way so that we might become like Christ.
- We become part of a new family, the family of God, and we become part of a new body, the body of Christ, which is His church, manifest in local churches.
- God accepts us as we are but does not leave us as we are. We are to bear witness to this glorious gospel among all people.
- We believe that God will bring His saving purpose in the gospel to fulfillment, when Jesus comes in glory to establish His kingdom.
- Jesus Christ is coming again, and that is the hope that spurs us on to remain faithful.

2. God commands us to respond to His gospel.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. John 3:18

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:8

3. The call of God's gospel is universal in scope.

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes... Romans 1:16

4. We respond to the God's gospel by faith.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand... Romans 5:1-2

- Faith has content.

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15

- We must come to a conviction about the truth of the gospel.

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder. James 2:19

- Faith requires a personal element of trust.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9-10

5. Faith in the gospel entails repentance.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out... Acts 3:19

- I am a sinner before God.
- I no longer want to live in a state of rebellion.
- I desire to be rescued and reconciled with God.
- Repentance implies turning away from sin.
- Repentance simply means that you desire to be rescued from sin by God's power and to submit to God's authority.

6. Faith in the gospel means we are to receive Jesus Christ.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God... John 1:12

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19-20

Application: The Lord calls and we must respond personally in an act of faith, trusting our lives to His care. He is Lord Jesus Christ! He is the Lord of heaven and earth. He is now on the throne at the right hand of the Father. Jesus is Lord! Is that the cry of your heart?

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

Matthew 7:21-23