

We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ ...

1. The good news of the gospel

- That Jesus Christ is the God-appointed ruler of all, because he fully paid the just penalty for all human sin and defeated sin, death and the devil forever by his death and resurrection.
- That in Jesus Christ the incarnate God we have the revelation of and access to the only, true, sovereign and eternal God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit united in one Godhead.
- That the sacrificial death and bodily resurrection of Jesus is the only solution to the problem of the universal sinfulness of human nature since the fall of humanity into sin, which has made every person subject to God's eternal wrath and condemnation.

2. The right response to the gospel

- That salvation from God's judgement is received only through faith in Christ. This faith is simply confidence in divine mercy which forgives sin for Christ's sake alone.
- That those whom God draws to himself he justifies freely for Christ's sake alone, and not for anything that is in them or done by them. Their righteousness before God is neither their faith nor the act of believing nor any other obedience to the gospel, but Christ's obedience alone.
- That true faith in Christ is always followed by works of obedience to God; that all true obedience has its source in this faith; that the gospel is the motivation for obedience; and that the gift of new life through the Spirit is the power for obedience.

3. The final goal of the gospel

- That all those who believe in Jesus Christ are even now united together by the Spirit into Christ's eternal, heavenly church. This finds real and full expression in the temporal, local gathering together of believers around Christ through his word, committed to each other in love.
- That Jesus Christ will return personally to bring an end to this present evil age, and to consummate his Father's work by bringing the entire creation to the goal purposed for it by God from before the foundation of the world.
- That the goal of history and the whole creation, and therefore the task and privilege of all those who belong to Christ, is to seek in all things to bring all glory to God alone, who is the creator, sustainer and ruler of everything.

... which is revealed in the Bible alone

We believe all of this as it is revealed in the Bible, which is the full expression of the gospel, God's word about the Lord, Jesus Christ. Through this word (consisting in the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments), God himself, by his Spirit, speaks to us clearly and trustworthily. Therefore the Bible alone is the supreme authority and fully sufficient in all matters of faith and practice.