

The Gospel

References: **Genesis 3:15, 21; John 3:16-21;**
1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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The gospel allows us to recover and pursue God's design for our lives and help others do the same.

Review: God's Design → Sin → Brokenness → Need for Change

1. God made a way out of our brokenness.

- » God promised that a man would "bruise" the enemy's head (**Genesis 3:15**).
- » God sacrificed an animal—shed its blood—to make coverings for Adam and Eve (**Genesis 3:21**).
- » God loves us and sent His one and only Son to shed His blood and cover sin once and for all (**John 3:16, Hebrews 10:10-14**).

2. The gospel is simply: Jesus died for our sins, was buried and God raised Him from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

- » Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection are essential to our faith.
- » The gospel saves us from our sins (**Romans 1:16**).

3. We just have to repent and believe the gospel (Mark 1:15).

- » Repent means to change—to turn from our sins and turn to Jesus.
- » God doesn't condemn us—we're already condemned because of Genesis 3.
- » God wants to save us (**John 3:17-21**).

4. God helps us recover and pursue His design for our lives.

- » He removes the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh (**Ezekiel 36:26**).
- » His Spirit indwells and empowers us.
- » He restores us to the way we were supposed to be—He reconciles us—repairs what was broken (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**).
- » We are new creations.
- » Now we are God's ambassadors to a broken world.

Let's choose to help God repair those who are still spiritually broken by telling everyone we can how to know Christ.

3 Circles:

- God has a design for every area of our lives.
- ~ God designed us to be in relationship with Him, but we have all departed from that design. The Bible calls this sin. We all sin and fall short of God's perfect design (**Romans 3:23**).
- This sin leaves us in brokenness.
 - We all want out of brokenness, so we try to fix it.
 - We look for ways to alleviate our pain. When we do that, we just get more and more broken.
- ~ When we feel broken on the inside and everything's all messed up, we know something needs to change. The Bible word for change is repent. Brokenness is what gets us ready to try God's solution, which is to repent and believe the gospel.
- The change we really need comes from Jesus.
 - God sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die the death we deserve, and be raised to life again, proving He is who He says He is and can do what He says He can do.
 - Jesus came to forgive our sins.
- ~ When we repent and believe in Him, He gives us His Spirit who helps us recover and pursue God's design.

