

The gospel means what God began in me, he promises to **complete** in me.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Hebrews 12:6 (NIV)

The gospel means God promises to provide the spiritual resources I need for **victory** over sin.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

How is the gospel **misunderstood**?

Don't think my faith in Christ is a work I did to **deserve** the love of Christ.

Don't think it is the **strength** of my faith that saves me.

How should I respond?

1. **Let the gospel change your life.** Find one facet of the gospel diamond and meditate on it this week.
2. **Embrace the true gospel.** Most people have an incomplete or corrupted understanding of the gospel. Understand the bad news and the good news. Jesus saves us by simply trusting in him. We do nothing but repent and trust in Jesus.
3. **Share the simple gospel with confidence in its power.** The simple gospel message will change lives and grow the church. Share the gospel with your friends and neighbors and trust its power.



What makes Faith Church unique?

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What does the Bible tell us about the gospel?

gospel = good news

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16 (ESV)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 1 Corinthians 1:17 (ESV)

1. The church is a news organization.
2. There is power in the good news of God.
3. Don't use packaging that distracts from the power of the Gospel.

What is the gospel?

The gospel is bad news.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23 (NIV)

The gospel is good news because of Jesus.

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

What does God's gospel mean for my life?



The gospel means my guilt is gone.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,... 1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

The gospel means my identity comes from Christ, not my shame.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

The gospel means God the Father loves me as much as he loves his own son.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!... 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

The gospel means God gives me his love, he doesn't require me to gain it.

The good news is God gives me his love, he doesn't require me to do anything to gain it but trust him.

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 (ESV)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— Ephesians 2:1, 4–5 (ESV)

The gospel means I will live forever with Christ.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 2 Corinthians 5:6 (ESV)