

1. The Gospel is Good News

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

Gospel means 'good news' - the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ.

The good news is that Jesus Christ died for sinners. Those who repent and trust in him have their



sins forgiven and are made right with God. They receive the gift of eternal life.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote books which tell this message of Jesus or gospel.

The word **gospel** appears many times in the Bible.

We should thank God for this good news.



2. The Gospel Foretold

Paul ... set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures.

Romans 1:1-2

The gospel, or good news about the Saviour, was promised for a long time before Jesus was born. Jesus' defeat of the devil was hinted at in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15).



Isaiah prophesied hundreds of years before it happened, that a child would be born who would be very special. His name would be Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Micah foretold that the child would be born in Bethlehem. Many details of Jesus' life and death were prophesied in the Old Testament, and were fulfilled exactly.

God kept all his promises in Jesus Christ the Saviour.



3. The Saviour is Here

The angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.'
Luke 2:10-11

An angel brought good news to the shepherds, telling them of the birth



of the Saviour. This was good news, not only for them, but for all people - good news for us today.

God the Son came to this world as a human baby, lived the perfect life here and died to pay the price for our sins.

God's plan of salvation for his people brings us great joy.

