

What is the Gospel?

In Part 1 of *What is the Gospel?*, Pastor Clayton Wilfer explains what the essence of the Gospel is. In Part 2, he goes more in depth about what the Gospel is and uses Scripture to explain it. When presented with the Gospel message, many people still seem unsure if they will go to heaven when they die. In Part 3, Pastor Clayton goes into more detail to explain how and why you can be sure you can go to heaven when you die if you have put your faith in Jesus.

First: Watch the *What is the Gospel? – Part 3* video featuring Pastor Clayton Wilfer, Senior Pastor of JOY Church in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Dive Deeper

According to Pastor Clayton, why are most people unsure they will go to heaven when they die?

Pastor Clayton presents a quiz to test whether or not someone is a good person. Can any anyone pass the test and say they have not done any of the "bad" things he mentions? What does this prove about the validity of saying you are a "good person"?

What does Scripture say about breaking even just one of God's commandments?

Additional Thoughts:

Since God is a just judge, what would He say about you on Judgment Day? Would you be found guilty or not guilty?	Additional Thoughts:
God is merciful, gracious, and loving. Who was God's provision for us, as sinners?	
Can anyone do enough good things to outweigh the bad things? Why or why not?	
How does Ephesians 2:8–9 explain what the Gospel is? What can be done on our part?	
When you are no longer under the penalty for sin, what are the three things that Pastor Clayton mentions that you can be identified by?	
Can you confidently say, "I am going to heaven"? Why or why not?	

Are you ready to accept Jesus as your Redeemer? If yes, we encourage you to ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and to be your Redeemer. The following link—www.anchorpointmedia.org/the-truth—is a good resource to further explain the Gospel message and give you some pointers regarding your next steps as a follower of Jesus.

Additional Thoughts:

Recap

- 1. Many people are not sure whether or not they will go to heaven when they die. A common answer is that they hope they will. This is because they believe that doing good works will get them into heaven.
- 2. All of us have broken at least one of the Ten Commandments listed in Deuteronomy 5:7–21.
- If you break one commandment, you are guilty before God.
 Breaking one is the same as breaking them all in God's eyes.
- 4. God is a just judge, so He would have to declare you or anyone else guilty on Judgment Day if you did not keep all His commandments.
- 5. In addition to being a just judge, God is also merciful, loving, and gracious. That is why Jesus, who was without sin, went to the cross for us and paid the penalty for sin.
- 6. There is no amount of good works we can do to be saved; it is only what Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross that secures our salvation.
- The Gospel is God's grace and it is a gift to you. See Ephesians 2:8,9
- 8. When you receive this gift in Christ Jesus, you have received the Good News.
- 9. When you repent of your sins (meaning that you are sorrowful for them and turn away from them) and put your faith in Christ alone, you are no longer under the penalty of sin.
- Once you are saved, you are forgiven, redeemed, and restored. You can have the certainty of having an eternal relationship with God and going to heaven when you die.

Live It Out

- If you have not already put your faith in Jesus, ask God to reveal to you who Jesus is. The following link further explains salvation: www.anchorpointmedia.org/the-truth.
- Read your Bible daily. Pray daily.
- Do a word study on "grace" to learn more.
- Share the Good News with others.
- Remind yourself of your new identity as being forgiven, redeemed, and restored based on what Jesus has done for you.

Salvation through Jesus

If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, we encourage you to visit **www.anchorpointmedia.org/the-truth**. There you will discover the truth of who Jesus is and how you can have a relationship with Him.

About Pastor Clayton Wilfer

Pastor Clayton Wilfer is the Senior Pastor of JOY Church in Fountain Hills, Arizona. He has a passion for sharing the Gospel message in a simple, yet easy to understand manner. His teachings are firmly grounded in the Word of God. Prior to leading JOY Church, he served as pastor at Word of Life Church in Upsala, Minnesota.

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