

The gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust its riches.

Charles Hodge

Only the Christian gospel presents....a way in which justice and mercy kiss each other...First, Christianity confirms the fact that justice must be satisfied. Sin must be condemned according to its demerit. This means eternal doom. The sinner must be damned because God must be inexorably holy and just. His all-powerful Being must vindicate His all-holy Being. Christianity never compromises the ever-blessed purity and excellency of the divine nature. Second, Christianity alone finds a way to satisfy infinite justice and provide infinite mercy at the same time. What no other religion has dreamed of, Jesus Christ has accomplished. He underwent the infinite wrath of God against sin and lived to bestow His mercy on the damned sinners for whom He died. The infinite Son of God took upon Himself a human nature in which He underwent the full fury of the divine wrath. The omnipotent God satisfied His violated holiness by punishing sin completely in His blessed Son, who "became sin" for His people. The justice of God was vindicated in full in the substitute, His own Son, our Saviour dear. He survived that awful vengeance and rose victor over the grave by the power of His own divinity. Now He offers to every sin-sick and "pleasure"-burdened soul an everlasting mercy. Perfect mercy and perfect justice in the gospel of the crucified.

John Gerstner

Let this be to you the mark of true Gospel preaching—where Christ is everything, and the creature is nothing; where it is salvation all of grace, through the work of the Holy Spirit applying to the soul the precious blood of Jesus.

C.H. Spurgeon

The summary of the gospel is that our Lord Jesus Christ, the true Son of God, has revealed the will of His heavenly Father to us, and with His innocence has redeemed us from death, and has reconciled us with God. Therefore, Christ is the only way to salvation for all those who have been, are, and will be.

Ulrich Zwingli

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Kids Notes

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- When the veil of the Temple was torn in two pieces:
 - it showed that God had opened the way to his presence.
 - it meant that, in Jesus, we can enter into God's presence.
 - it signaled the end to the need for animal sacrifices.
 - all of the above.
- The rest we have in Jesus is illustrated in Jesus':
 - committing his life into God the Father's hands.
 - fighting the soldiers who crucified him.
 - Jesus protesting his innocence.
 - none of the above.
- The hope of salvation in Jesus Christ is:
 - only for those who are Jewish.
 - only for those who lived in Jesus' day.
 - is for all those who repent of their sins and follow Christ.
 - all of the above.

For Family Discussion: What do we learn from the fact that the Temple veil was split in half when Jesus died?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

	TOTAL:
JESUS _____	_____
GOSPEL _____	_____
CROSS _____	_____
FORGIVENESS _____	_____
RESPONSE _____	_____
CRIMINAL _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

JESUS GOSPEL CROSS FORGIVENESS SALVATION SIN BLOOD
 TAUNT CRIMINALS RESPONSES CAST DAUGHTERS WOMEN
 ISRAEL GENTILES ROMAN SOLDIERS JERUSALEM TREE GREEN
 DRY VEIL SUN DARKNESS CRUCIFIXION COVER HILLS SKULL LOVE

Y N G V L J S N M L F D S G S T T
 R E E I E X L D O O E L C O C A R
 D I N E A W A J R I L P L A N U E
 L K T Q R A N G E I T D S U S N E
 G B I L S G I E H R I A S O J T I
 S A L I I V M N K E U E V N G K P
 L W E O E B I C R O S S X L A T X
 Z Z S N O W R S N N S U A B A Y M
 O B E I O D C N O U E V O L K S X
 R S V M M X M P S N A M O R E E L
 S L E Y Z S S E N K R A D S W M R
 D N C O X E J K N U W Z P G N Z E
 E N E Y R I J D A U G H T E R S V
 N O I X I F I C U R C S K U L L O
 E V L S D W V O S Q I W P R J O C