



# THE GOSPEL PRECISELY

Surprisingly Good News About Jesus Christ the King

In *The Gospel Precisely*, Dr. Matthew Bates has sought to articulate the gospel with precision from Scripture in a short book that is very accessible for most. A great read to grasp the biblical gospel! Bates provides helpful clarity by distinguishing between 1) gospel events; 2) gospel benefits; and 3) gospel responses. Here's an overview summarizing these three categories from his book.<sup>1</sup>

## /// GOSPEL EVENTS<sup>2</sup>

The gospel is that Jesus the King:

1. preexisted as God the Son,
2. was sent by the Father,
3. took on human flesh in fulfillment of God's promises to David,
4. died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
5. was buried,
6. was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
7. appeared to many witnesses,
8. is enthroned at the right hand of God as the ruling Christ,
9. has sent the Holy Spirit to his people to effect his rule, and
10. will come again as final judge to rule

## /// GOSPEL BENEFITS<sup>3</sup>

Exclusively Christian benefits:

- Adoption
- Right-standing with God (being justified)
- Holy Spirit fruit
- Eternal life
- Salvation as pictured in: reconciliation, peace, union, atonement, redemption, becoming holy, enrichment, victory, triumph, exaltation, glory, rule, return from exile, rest, feasting, marriage and life in the New Jerusalem, and more

## /// GOSPEL RESPONSES<sup>4</sup>

We respond to God's grace by accepting the gospel of Jesus' kingship through:

- Faith
- Repentance
- Baptism (public oath of loyalty)

**Book:** [The Gospel Precisely](#), Matthew W. Bates

**Videos:** [The Gospel Precisely - Brief Videos](#) (5 min. each), Bates summarizes each chapter from his book, [renew.org](#)

<sup>1</sup> Bates, M (2021). *The Gospel Precisely*, 34, 59-63, 96-98. *The Real Life Theology Series*, [renew.org](#).

<sup>2</sup> Mt 3:16-17; 16:27; 19:28; 25:31-46; 26:64; Mk 1:11, 14-15; Lk 4:18-19; Jn 1:33-34; 7:37-39; Acts 2:16-18; 36; 3:17-21; 5:42; 17:2-3; 18:28; Rom 1:2-4; 1 Cor 15:1-5; 2 Tim 2:8.

<sup>3</sup> Jn 1:12-13; 3:16; 14:6; Acts 3:17-21; 4:12; 13:48; Rom 3: 21-26; 8:29; 1 Cor 3:16; 12:12-13; 15:22-26; Gal 4:4-7; 5:22-23; Eph 1:5,13-14; Col 3:1-4; 1 Jn 3:2-3; Rev 21:1-4.

<sup>4</sup> Mk 1:14-15; Lk 24:45-47; Acts 2:38, 41; 16:30-34; Rom 1:16-17; 3:21-26; Gal 2:20; 1 Thes 1:9-10; 2 Thes 1:4-8.

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