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BOOKLET 10

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL

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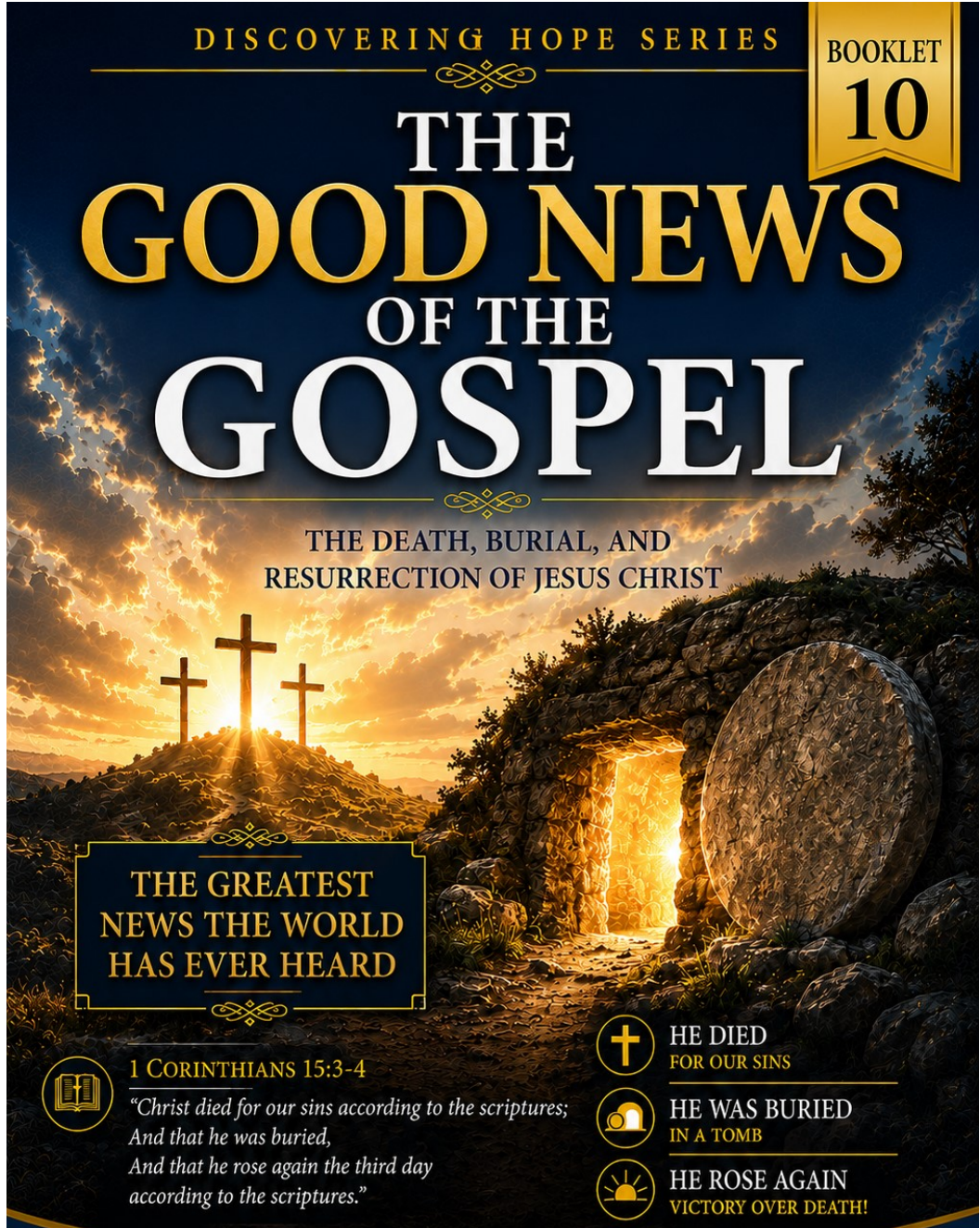

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DISCOVERING HOPE SERIES

Real Questions. Biblical Answers. Lasting Hope.

Life raises questions that are not always easy to answer.

Why am I here?, Does God really exist? , Can I trust the Bible?, Why does God allow suffering?, Can my life really change? Is there hope when I feel trapped, broken, or uncertain about the future?

The **Discovering Hope Series** was created to help people explore questions like these through the truth of God's Word.

You need not be a Bible scholar or have all the answers.

And you do not need to have everything in your life figured out before you begin.

Each booklet focuses on a different question, struggle, or biblical truth and is designed to help you discover what the Bible actually says.

As you read, take your time.

Consider the Scriptures for yourself.

Ask questions, Pray.

And most importantly, allow God to speak to your heart through His Word.

The Bible is more than a book of religious teachings. It reveals a God who loves us, seeks us, and desires to transform our lives.

Whatever brought you to this booklet, we hope it becomes one more step in your journey toward discovering the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

There is hope. There are answers.

And God may be closer than you think.

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Introduction

The word **gospel** is one of the most familiar words in Christianity.
Churches preach the gospel.
Believers share the gospel.
Missionaries carry the gospel around the world.
But what exactly is the gospel?
Many people would struggle to give a clear answer.
Some think the gospel is simply being a good person.
Others think it means joining a church.
Some believe it is a set of religious rules.
The Bible gives a much clearer definition.
The gospel is not primarily advice.
The gospel is good news.
And it is the greatest news the world has ever received.

1. WHY DO WE NEED GOOD NEWS?

Before we can appreciate the good news, we must understand the bad news.
The Bible teaches that humanity has been separated from God by sin.

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Every person has sinned.
Every person has failed.
Every person needs forgiveness.

Sin brought consequences into the world.
Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death..."
Left to ourselves, we have no way to save ourselves.
That is why we need good news.

2. THE BIBLE'S DEFINITION OF THE GOSPEL

The Apostle Paul gave the clearest definition of the gospel in Scripture.
1 Corinthians 15:1-4

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel...
How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
And that he was buried,
And that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."
According to Paul, the gospel consists of three historical events:
• Christ died for our sins
• Christ was buried
• Christ rose again
This is the heart of the gospel.

3. CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS

Jesus did not die by accident.
He did not die because He was powerless.
He willingly gave His life.
Isaiah 53:5

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he

was bruised for our iniquities..."
The punishment we deserved was placed upon Him.
The innocent died for the guilty.
The righteous died for the unrighteous.
The cross reveals both the justice of God and the love of God.

Romans 5:8

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

4. CHRIST WAS BURIED

Paul specifically mentions that Jesus was buried.
Why is this important?
Because burial confirms that Jesus truly died.
This was not a near-death experience.
This was not an illusion.
This was not a myth.
Jesus was crucified, died, and was placed in a tomb.
The burial is a vital part of the gospel message.

5. CHRIST ROSE AGAIN

Three days later, the tomb was empty.
Jesus rose from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:20

"But now is Christ risen from the dead..."
The resurrection proves:
• Jesus is who He claimed to be
• His sacrifice was accepted
• Death has been defeated

• Eternal life is possible
Without the resurrection there is no Christian faith.
Because He lives, we have hope.

6. THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS FOR EVERY-ONE

The gospel is not just for religious people.
It is for everyone.
John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...that whosover will"
The gospel is for:
• The broken
• The addicted
• The religious
• The skeptical
• The rich
• The poor
• The young
• The old
Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done
No one is beyond the reach of God's grace.

7. THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

The gospel is not merely a message to be believed.

It is a message that changes people.

Throughout history, millions of lives have been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

Broken lives have been restored.

Addictions have been conquered.

Families have been healed.

Hopeless people have found hope.

Guilty people have found forgiveness.

The gospel does more than improve people.

It makes them new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

The Apostle Paul himself is an example.

Before encountering Christ, he persecuted Christians and opposed the church.

After encountering Christ, he became one of the greatest missionaries in history.

The gospel transformed his life.

The same power that changed Paul continues to change people today.

The gospel is not merely a story about what Jesus did long ago.

It is a living message that continues to transform lives around the world.

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

The gospel has changed millions of lives.

It can change yours as well.

8. THE GOSPEL CALLS FOR A RESPONSE

The gospel is the greatest news ever announced.
But good news must be received.
Throughout the New Testament, people were confronted with a choice.
Would they believe?
Would they trust Christ?
Would they follow Him?
Or would they walk away?
Jesus did not force people to follow Him.
He invited them.

Mark 1:15

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is

at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."
The gospel calls for more than admiration.
It calls for faith.
It calls for commitment.
It calls for a response.
Every person who hears the gospel eventually faces a decision.
What will I do with Jesus Christ?
The gospel is not merely information to consider.
It is an invitation to receive the forgiveness, hope, and eternal life that God offers through His Son.

Conclusion

The gospel is the greatest news ever announced.
Jesus died for our sins.
Jesus was buried.
Jesus rose again.
Because of Him, forgiveness is possible.
Because of Him, hope is possible.
Because of Him, eternal life is possible.

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."
The gospel changes everything.
The question is not whether the gospel is true.
The question is:
How will you respond to it?