STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

9. How does this teaching motivate you to share Christ with others?

10. Are you sure that you will spend eternity with Christ in Heaven? Why or why not?

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word "gospel" means "good news." The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God's presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God's perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn't end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at <u>www.gbcmilescity.com</u>.



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SERMON NOTES

Jesus Is The Real Deal

Part 2

1. He is real and has revealed Himself from the beginning. The message is unchanging. The true gospel has always commanded faith and repentance.

Reality of the lost:

(Mark 9:43-47)⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁴ where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁶ where 'Their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—

(*Rev.* 20:14-15)¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- 1. Hell is the destiny of every unbeliever.
- 2. Hell is a place of unspeakable agony.

(*Matt.* 25:46) And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Hell will last FOREVER!

(Luke 16:19-31)

- One is fully CONSCIOUS
- Eternal destiny forever FIXED
- Punishment was JUST
- Pleaded for someone to WARN his loved ones about hell

SERMON NOTES

How can a loving God send people to hell?

1. God is both a God of love and a God of righteousness.

(*Ps. 33:5*) *He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.*

2. Hell exists for God to deal righteously with Satan.

(Matt. 25:41) Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

3. Hell exists for God to deal righteously with unbelievers.

(2Thess. 1:8-9)⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

4. God doesn't want ANYONE to go to Hell!

(2Pet. 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

(John 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Talking about Hell isn't a popular subject today. Why is that?

2. Why do you think Jesus taught about Hell more than anyone else in the Bible?

- 3. What aspect of hell is the most difficult to hear about?
- 4. Who goes to Hell? Why?
- 5. Who doesn't go to Hell? Why?

6. How can God be both loving and still condemn someone to Hell?

7. For whom was Hell originally created?

8. If God doesn't want anyone to go to Hell, why, then, do they still go there?