# A Wonderful Gospel – IMMANUEL – GOD WITH US!

## The Writer to Hebrews Emphasises How Privileged we are:

* Heb. 2:1-4 *how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?*
* Heb. 6:1-6 *let us leave behind the basic teaching about Christ and advance to maturity*
* Heb. 12:1-7 *let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us* *while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.*

## Storms/Winds of Adversity Coming:

1. **Personal Benefits Gospel** (*centred around ME. Get Rich Quick, “How to....” etc.)*
2. **Greasy Grace Gospel** (‘*evil grace’ – you can keep sinning and keep getting forgiven*!)
3. **Sizzling Sensational Gospel** (*everything is a miracle, God does everything – mighty things – you don’t have suffer/pay the price or to do anything!)*

## This is the (TRUE) Gospel:

* ***God Who loves us, has sent His son to the world,***
* ***to save us from sin,***
* ***restore us as sons of God,***
* ***to live fruitful lives on this earth, and***
* ***to live eternally with Him in His Kingdom***

# The Gospel in a Nutshell – The 3 R’s

1. **Removal of sin**
2. **Reception of the Spirit**
3. **Restoration of Purpose**

## Removal of SIN

### What is SIN?

* The Terminal Disease of the Soul
* That which causes us to do Evil
* Our Offences before God
* Anything that violates our relationship with God
  + E.g. depression, unforgiveness, rebellion. Contrariness, foolishness, disrespect, immorality, rudeness, lawlessness, idolatry, selfishness, inferiority, unhealthy fear, strife, murders, pride, divorce, church splits, backsliding, being late for church!
  + 7 deadly sins: greed, wrath, gluttony, envy, sloth, lust and pride.

### SIN is DEADLY

* James 1:15 *Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*
* Rom 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

### Jesus Came to Remove SIN!

* John 1:29 *John sees Jesus coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.*
* John 8:34 *Jesus answered them, Truly, truly I say to you, Whoever commits sin is the servant of sin.*
* Luke 5:32 *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*
* 1 Peter 2:22 *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth*:
* Rom 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*.
* 1Ti 1:15 This *is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

### The Solution to SIN

* Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*
* Col 1:14 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*
* 1John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*.
* Rom 6:11 *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
* Rom 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*
* 1John 3:9 *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God*.
* Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, .....*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood...*

## Reception of the Holy Spirit

#### To SEAL your salvation

* + Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were* ***sealed*** *with that holy Spirit of promise*

#### To SAVE you from sinning

* + Rom 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*
  + *Gal 5:16 Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

#### To SHOW you the way!

* + John 16:13 ....*he will guide you into all truth*
  + Rom 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

#### To SATURATE your life

* + Act 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
  + Eph 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

You were made for the Holy Spirit! – God breathed it into Adam – Jesus restores it

You are ‘most at home’ when you are filled with the Holy Spirit!

You’re are at your best – when you’re filled with the Holy Spirit!

Do things that attract the Holy Spirit – love, rejoice, read Bible, give, help others etc

## To Restore Your Life’s Purpose (Destiny)

* + To be continued............................

# Questions for Discussion:

1. How would you define SIN?
2. How would explain the effects of sin in life
   1. Globally
   2. Locally
   3. Personally
3. How does Jesus remove our sin?
4. Does he remove all sins – and the ‘effects’ of sin?
5. Aren’t we preaching ‘sinless perfection’ here?
6. How does the Holy Spirit relate to sin?
7. Should we be ‘more filled’ with the Holy Spirit?