

INGman 3

Focused Living Ministries



POSSESSING AND PROFESSING

“Participation in the Gospel... confirmation of the Gospel... progress of the Gospel... defense of the Gospel... worthy of the Gospel... faith of the Gospel... furtherance of the Gospel... cause of the Gospel... preaching the Gospel... your salvation” (Phil 1:5, 7, 12, 16, 27, 28; 2:12, 27; 4:3, 15).

At the heart of every INGman beats the truth of the Gospel that a man can actually know God, not just know about God! It is his power, faith, identity, center, top priority, greatest treasure, consuming passion and wisdom. If God’s grace is an INGman’s blood, why is pride his Kryptonte! **GOSPEL**= eu (**good**) + angelion (**message/angel/news**). The Gospel is the good news that by God’s saving **GRACE** through our **FAITH** we can receive His gift of full **FORGIVENESS** from the bad news of judgment for our sin of rejecting His holy character. The Gospel is much more than a religious message, church program or theological viewpoint. The Gospel is God expressing His **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE** by literally giving His sinless Son in **EXCHANGE** for our sinful lives. Now that He has fully dealt with our sin the Holy Spirit takes up His residence to live in us and through (Eph 2:1-10; I Peter 1:18-19; Titus 3:3-7; Rom 5:8; 6:23). **If the Gospel is the good news then what is the bad news? How does it affect you?**

The gospel is also the awesome news that we **have been** saved from the **PENALTY** of sin (Eph 2:1-9), **are being saved** from the **POWER** of sin (I Cor 1:18; II Cor 2:15; Rom 1:16-17), and **will be saved** from the **PRESENCE** of sin (I Cor 15:26; Rev 21:1-6). So in a very real sense the Gospel is not something you ever outgrow but is refreshing and new every day. **What specific changes happen to an INGman when these truths grab a hold of his heart?** Received/passive righteousness and expressed/active righteousness. Romans 3.

In light of the “bad news” what is so great about this “good news” both for today and for eternity? How can you keep the “good news” from becoming “old news”?

SAVIOR AND LORD If Christ thought you were worth **dying** for, in what ways will the good news of the Gospel convince you that He is worth **living** for? (Phil 1:21) Explain.

EACH ONE REACH ONE Sharing your faith is not about gimmicks, methods or techniques. It’s about telling others exactly how God’s grace/ mercy has transformed your life! (Mark 5:19-20; John 1:35-42) What **“great things”** has God done for you?

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In what ways has God **“had mercy”** on you?

- 1.
- 2.

Every Christ follower needs to be able to clearly, compassionately and carefully explain how to begin a relationship with God. If you already have a way of doing this, use it! One effective way is using John 3:16.

