

HOPE IN

6

WORDS


THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS



FULTONDALE FIRST

MESSAGE

from Pastor Mark



At Fultondale First, we believe that lasting hope and true joy are found only in Jesus. Yet if we're honest, it often feels like joy and hope are hard to find in our world. People search for meaning, fulfillment, and peace—but still come up empty.

The good news is this: God has already provided the answer in His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible calls this message the Gospel, which simply means “good news.” In this short booklet, you'll discover the Gospel explained in six simple words. My prayer is that you will see God's incredible love for you and the new life of hope and joy He offers through Jesus.

— Pastor Mark Gainey

1

GOD **CREATED** **US TO BE** **WITH HIM**

Know that the Lord is God.

*It is he who made us, and we are his; we
are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

Psalms 100:3

The reason God put you on earth was to have a real relationship with Him—not religion, not knowledge, but a true relationship.

2

OUR SINS SEPARATE US FROM GOD

*For all have sinned and
fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23*

God is holy, and we are not. Because we have all sinned, this creates a separation between us and God. If God ignored our sin, He would cease to be God, because God is perfect.



3

SINS CANNOT BE REMOVED BY ANYTHING WE DO

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Isaiah 64:6

God doesn't use a scale to weigh our good deeds against our bad deeds. If He did, one bad choice would outweigh all the good. There is nothing we can do on our own to remove our sin problem.

PAYING THE PRICE FOR SIN, JESUS DIED & ROSE AGAIN

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Jesus lived the life we couldn't live—perfectly. Then He did the unthinkable—He died the death we deserved to die. He took on our sin and nailed it to the cross. Then He rose again three days later, defeating the power and penalty of sin and death.

EVERYONE WHO TRUSTS IN JESUS ALONE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS RECEIVES ETERNAL LIFE

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

When you shift your trust from what you can do to what Jesus has already done, you begin a true relationship with God.

6

LIFE

WITH JESUS STARTS NOW & LASTS FOREVER

*Now this is eternal life: that they know
you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent.*

John 17:3

You can begin your new life with Jesus now.

How will you **RESPOND?**

God invites you into a relationship with Him today. Turning from sin and trusting in Jesus is the most important decision you will ever make.

It's not about how religious you are or how good you are. It's about admitting you need to be rescued from your sin and trusting Jesus. To trust Him, you must admit your sins, surrender your life to Him, and follow Jesus.

Are you ready **TO TRUST HIM?**

A Sample Prayer:

“God, I know I am a sinner. I believe Jesus died for me and rose again. I trust Him as my Savior, and I give You control of my life. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me new life. Amen.”

(This prayer doesn't make you a Christian—the faith behind it does.)

➔ If you've just trusted in Jesus, text “Jesus” to 205-749-3200 so we can celebrate with you and help you take your next step.

What just happened?

IF YOU TRUSTED IN JESUS, SOMETHING REAL HAPPENED—WHETHER YOU FEEL DIFFERENT OR NOT.

You are forgiven.

“Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.” —Acts 10:43

You are saved by grace, not by being good.

“It is by grace you have been saved, through faith.” —Ephesians 2:8

You have eternal life—right now.

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.” —John 3:36

Your salvation is based on God’s promise, not your feelings or performance.

You may still have questions or struggles, but God keeps His word.

If you have trusted Jesus, you belong to Him.

Next STEPS

BAPTISM

Publicly declare your faith in Jesus.



CONNECT WITH A CHURCH

Join others who have been changed by Jesus. Fultondale First meets every Sunday at 10:30 AM at 409 Main Street in Fultondale.



STARTING POINT LUNCH

Meet leaders, ask questions, & discover your place at Fultondale First.



LIFE GROUPS

Connect in community and grow in your faith with others.



SERVING

Use your gifts to make a difference.



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