

THE GOSPEL IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

I. LUKE 5:17-26

We learn that Jesus Christ is God and that He can heal people physically. We also learn that, since He is God, He has the power to heal spiritually, to forgive people of their sins. This forgiveness relates to faith, to the individual person believing that God can forgive. It's also important to pray for the lost.

II. LUKE 7:27-32

Jesus Christ loved sinners, pursued sinners and saved sinners. Those who are self-righteous are unrighteous, but think they are righteous and don't need to be saved. One of our objectives in evangelism is to help people see they are unrighteous, and need to repent of their sins and believe Jesus died for them.

III. LUKE 7:40-50

This sinful woman knew she was a sinner, and believed that Jesus was the only one who could save her. Her great love for Jesus is clearly evident in this passage, and is proof that she knew she had been greatly forgiven. A person who is forgiven of his sins, can truly live in peace.

IV. LUKE 13:1-5

Jesus taught that people die because they are sinners, and that people who die prematurely aren't necessarily worse sinners than those who live longer. People need to learn from catastrophic situations of their need to repent of their sins before they physically die, or else they will perish in hell forever.

V. LUKE 15

People who are sinners are lost, which means they will perish forever, unless they are saved. Only God can save a person who is lost, and He wants to use us to reach out to the lost, and tell them how they can be saved from their sins. When a person is saved, then there's a great celebration in heaven by the angels.

VI. LUKE 16:19-31

Sinners who die go to a place of severe, continual, deserved and eternal punishment. Once a person is in hell, he remains there, and neither he nor God nor anyone else can change his status in hell, and transfer him to heaven. A miracle on earth will not convince an unbeliever of his need to repent - he needs to believe God's word.

VII. LUKE 18:9-17

A person should not compare himself with another person, thinking he is better. It is not good to trust in yourself, to trust in your own "*righteousness*," to be self-righteous. Many people are religious but they are not righteous. A person who is saved is humble, realizing he is an unrighteous sinner. He trusts in God's mercy.

VIII. LUKE 18:18-27

For a person to be saved he needs to know that Jesus is God. It is good to use the commandments to help people see that they are sinners. This particular sinner was worldly, loving his possessions, but not loving God, the only real treasure. Salvation is impossible on our own, and is only possible by God and His grace.

IX. LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus didn't wait for the lost to come to Him - He reached out to them, and so too we need to reach out to the lost. A saved person is one who realizes he is a sinner, repents of his sins, believes Jesus died for him, is then right with God, and then gets right with people, that is, makes restitution.

X. LUKE 23:39-43

Both criminals were sinners, but one realized he was a sinner who deserved to be punished, not just on earth, but eternally in hell. This sinner feared God, and realized Jesus was perfect. He knew he couldn't get saved by His own works, but only by Jesus dying for his sins. When he died, he knew he'd be in heaven.

XI. LUKE 23:44-46

Darkness over the land signified that Jesus was paying for our sins. Jesus was punished by His Father so we wouldn't have to be punished. Through Christ, the way to God, is opened up. What a wonderful thing that God chose to save us, Christ died for us, and the Spirit worked in our hearts to save us. 2 Corinthians 9:15

XII. LUKE 24:46-49

Our job as Christians is to preach the gospel to all the nations in the world, telling people that Jesus suffered and died for people's sins, and then rose again on the third day, and that they need to repent of their sins so as to receive forgiveness. All witnesses of Christ will be given the power to proclaim the gospel.

I DELIVERED TO YOU AS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE WHAT I ALSO RECEIVED, THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4