

The New Testament Church
The Gospel of the Kingdom #1 – Creation and Sin
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I Sharing the Gospel with Others – **We CONFESS that the Bible is the Word of God**

A. Matthew 4:23 – Jesus “*preaching the gospel of the kingdom*”

1. The **gospel** – “good news” – you can be rescued from your past
2. Of the **Kingdom** – “rule” – you are saved to learning how to govern yourself

B. Proclaim – “to herald” – share – James 3:17

1. Our motive is pure, sincere – truly care about the person we are sharing with
2. We share peacefully, gently, reasonable – open to the other’s point of view
3. We impartial (the gospel is open to all)
4. John 6:44; 12:32 – exalt Christ, and He will draw – *God opens doors to share*

II Creation and Sin – Genesis 1:26; 2:7; 3:1-15; John 3:1-3; 14-16

A. **Creation** – Genesis 1:26 – **The Bible says we are all made in God’s Image**

1. Mankind – male and female – are made in God’s image
 - a. This means that God made us to share some characteristics with Him
 - b. This not a physical image, but one of character
 - c. We have a mind (creative), will (desires) and emotions (share with others)
2. Genesis 2:7
 - a. Our body is made from the minerals of the earth
 - b. Our spirit is made to fellowship with God (breath – Holy Spirit)
 - c. Our soul is our mind, will (choice) and emotions – our personality
3. What was the garden of Eden like? (Genesis 2:15-25)
 - a. Adam and Eve walked with God – had fellowship with Creator – no death
 - b. God gave them **instructions** and **principles** for living – **HIS WORD**
 - c. The soil had no weeds, plants for food, and animals were kind to one another
 - d. Adam and Eve got along – discussions with no arguments in marriage!

B. **Sin** – Genesis 3:1-15; 1st John 1:9 – **We CONFESS our sins to the Lord**

1. The serpent (the devil in the form of a snake) was more cunning (deceptive)
 - a. They trusted all the animals in the garden – so why not this serpent?
 - b. “Has God said?” – a seed of distrust of the Word of God – ***Sola Scriptura!***
 - c. You will not die, but you will become like God – you decide right and wrong
 - d. Eve ate, and gave it to her husband, *and they tried to cure their sin (fig-leaves)*
 - e. Instead, death came, lost fellowship with God, weeds made it harder to work
 - f. Sin brought about the blame game – not my fault, you made me do it!
2. The **Promise** – *the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent!*
 - a. A Savior would come – Christ is His name – he suffered, died and was raised
 - b. **We CONFESS CHRIST** as the perfect sacrifice who paid our debt of sin
 - c. John 3:1-3, 14-16 – He became sin for us like the serpent on the pole
 - d. *We call this **Solus Christus*** – John 3:1-3, 14-16 – born again!