

The Gospel in 1 Minute (by John MacArthur)

“2 Corinthians 5:21. “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Let me unpack those fifteen Greek words.

“He”, God, made Jesus sin. What do you mean, He made Jesus sin? Only in one sense. He treated Him as if He had committed every sin ever committed by every person who would ever believe, though in fact, He committed none of them.

Hanging on the cross, He was holy, harmless, undefiled. Hanging on the cross He was a spotless Lamb. He was never for a split second a sinner. He is Holy God on the cross.

But God is treating Him, I’ll put it more practically, as if He lived my life. God punished Jesus for my sin, turns right around and treats me like I lived His life.

That’s the great doctrine of substitution and on that doctrine turned the whole reformation of the church. That is the heart of the gospel.

And what you get is complete forgiveness covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ. When He looks at the cross He sees you and when He looks at you, He sees Christ.”

So, that’s the gospel or “good news” about Jesus. Now you know.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.” (John 14:6)

Jesus promised, “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33)

Jesus preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4:17)