

# The GOSPEL and LIFE



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(Romans 5:8-9)

As God's amazing word of grace, the gospel reminds us that we were in peril of God's righteous wrath because of our sins. The gospel reminds us that we were helpless to escape that peril. And the gospel reminds us that God pursued us in the Person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from that peril by His life, death, and resurrection. Hallelujah for God's mercy in the gospel!

What, then, is our response to God's mercy in the gospel? For starters, worship, adoration, and thanksgiving to God gush from our hearts over this supremely Good News. In that context, we live our entire lives in gratitude to God, as summarized in Romans 12:1, “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Part of “living in view of God's mercy” embodied in the gospel is to joyfully rescue those around us who are in both spiritual and physical peril, including the weak and defenseless unborn, disabled, enslaved, and elderly. We joyfully seek them out because God sought us out when we were weak and defenseless in our sin and He rescued us in the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Responding to the Gospel

Here are three simple ways that you can dignify human life in response to the gospel of Jesus Christ:

- 1) **Celebrate** God and His gracious mercy to you in the gospel every day.
- 2) **Pray** for the weak and defenseless unborn, disabled, enslaved, and elderly – that God would rescue them as He rescued you in the gospel.
- 3) **Visit** [www.ppl.org](http://www.ppl.org) or [@PPL.Page](https://www.facebook.com/PPL.Page) on Facebook to equip yourself and your congregation to champion human life in the joy of the gospel and in harmony with our shared Presbyterian distinctives.

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