

# southcitychurch

The good news is revealed in his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension (**Mk 1:1**, 1 Cor 15). Christ's crucifixion is the heart of the gospel (**1 Cor 15:3**), his resurrection is the power of the gospel (**1 Cor 15:4,20-28**), and his ascension is the glory of the gospel (**Mk 16:19; Lk 24:26; Eph 4:8-10**). Christ's death is a substitutionary (**Mk 10:45; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 2:16-17; 1 Pet 2:24**, 3:18) and propitiatory (**Isa 53:6; Jn 3:36; Rom 3:25**, 5:9; **Heb 2:17; 1 Thess 5:9; 1 John 2:2**, 4:10) sacrifice to God for our sins. It satisfies the demands of God's holy justice (**Rom 3:26**) and appeases his holy wrath (**Rom 1:18**). It also demonstrates his mysterious love (**Rom 5:8, 1 Jn 4:10**) and reveals his amazing grace (**Rom 5:2; Eph 2:7-8**). Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man (**1 Tim 2:5; Heb 9:15**, 12:24). There is no other name by which men must be saved (**John 14:6, Acts 4:12**). At the heart of all sound doctrine is the cross of Jesus Christ (**Gal 1:6-9**) and the infinite privilege that redeemed sinners have of glorifying God because of what he has accomplished (**1 Peter 2:9-10**). Therefore, we want all that takes place in our hearts, churches, and ministries to proceed from and be related to the cross (**1 Cor 15:3; Gal 2:14**).

## **IMPLICATIONS:**

We seek to have the gospel as central in our personal lives, as well as the life of the church. We eschew the thinking that the gospel is the first step into the Christian life as unbiblical, but rather see it as a hub in the wheel that is our lives. Everything that we do in life, and ministry must be tied back to the gospel. The gospel saves us, transforms us and motivates us for service, for the glory of God.