

# THE GOSPEL

The gospel is the joyous declaration  
that a new creation has dawned in Jesus Christ.  
Fully God and truly man, He came from above,  
the radiance of the Father's glory, His eternal delight,  
to call us out of darkness and death,  
into His glorious life and marvelous light.

All have sinned and gone astray,  
exchanging the glory of God for gods of our own making,  
betraying our Creator by worshiping what He created.  
Fully deserving His wrath and curse, now and forever,  
we stand hopelessly condemned before Him,  
without defense or excuse.

But God, being rich in mercy,  
sent His Son into the world to save sinners.  
He lived the righteous life we could never live  
and died the death we deserved to die.  
Crucified, He bore the sin that belonged to us  
to clothe us in the righteousness that belongs to Him.

On the third day, He rose from the dead,  
and now reigns over all as David's greater Son,  
pouring out His Spirit and the riches of His grace  
on all who repent and believe in His name:  
forgiveness, justification, adoption, freedom from sin,  
and the surpassing worth of knowing the Triune God.

He is the victorious last Adam,  
the serpent-crushing, death-destroying, curse-reversing Son of Eve,  
the Offspring of Abraham,  
blessing the nations with light and salvation,  
and leading a new humanity from every tribe and tongue  
to their eternal inheritance in the new creation.

The gospel announces the saving reign of the risen King,  
the glorious spread and coming consummation of His kingdom,  
when all things are made new,  
and celebrates the plundering of Satan's kingdom,  
as Jesus rescues and restores the captives of sin and Satan,  
for their eternal joy and the praise of His glorious grace.

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