



<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first & also the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

<sup>18</sup> But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. <sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. <sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth & sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power & divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

<sup>21</sup> Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark & confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. <sup>23</sup> And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people & birds & animals & reptiles.

<sup>24</sup> So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile & degrading things with each other’s bodies. <sup>25</sup> They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped & served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. <sup>26</sup> That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex & instead indulged in sex with each other. <sup>27</sup> And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, & as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.

<sup>28</sup> Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking & let them do things that should never be done. <sup>29</sup> Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarrelling, deception, malicious behaviour, & gossip. <sup>30</sup> They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, & boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, & they disobey their parents. <sup>31</sup> They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, & have no mercy. <sup>32</sup> They know God’s justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

**THE MESSAGE:**      *OPERATION GOSPEL: GOSPEL EXPOSURE*

**THE CREED:**

**L:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**P:** I believe that God has made me and all that exists. He has given & still preserves my body & soul, mind & senses & all my abilities.

**God also gives me food & clothing, work & money, home & family & all I need from day to day.**

**He defends me against all danger & guards & protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, although I surely do not deserve it. All I can do is thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

**L:** I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.

**P:** I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord. He is truly God & has always been the Son of the Father. He is also truly Human, born of the Virgin Mary.

**He has redeemed me a lost & condemned creature, won & purchased me from sin, death & the devil not with silver or gold, but with his holy & precious blood & his innocent suffering & death so that I may be his & live under him in his kingdom & serve him forever in righteousness, innocence & blessedness just as he is risen from the dead & lives & reigns eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**L:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins & the life everlasting. Amen

**P:** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, made me holy & kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, & makes holy the whole Christian church on earth, & keeps it with Jesus Christ in one true faith.

**In this Christian church He daily & richly forgives all my sins & the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me & all the dead, & give eternal life to me & all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**OFFERING SONG:**      *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Sovereign Grace)*

**PRAYERS:**

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**THE BLESSING:**

**(Name), † child of God, you are a living gospel to the world!  
Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SONG:**      *Let’s Go Out (AT 298)*

*SHOW HIS LOVE*