

Study Guide to Greg Gilbert's
What is the Gospel?
Chapter 6

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Gilbert has a very simple gospel presentation structure: God, man, Christ, and response. We have covered each of those topics at this point in the study. This chapter deals with the Kingdom of God. Although Gilbert does not explain the inclusion of this topic at this point in his book, he touched on it in the introduction. Jesus preached the gospel of the Kingdom. He announced the good news that the Kingdom of God had come because the King was here. There has been a long-standing debate that deals with this question: Did Paul preach a different gospel than the one that Jesus proclaimed? This chapter looks at that issue.

Study: Look up every instance of the word “kingdom” in the gospel of Matthew to make sure you understand Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom of God.

Q: Did Paul and Jesus preach two different and contradictory gospels? Put differently, does the gospel of the Kingdom fit with the whole God, man, Christ, and response format that we have looked at? Explain your answer.

Q: In this chapter, Gilbert explains the doctrine of the Kingdom of God. Here’s part of what he wrote, “*First*, the Kingdom of God is God’s redemptive rule over His people... *Second*, the Kingdom of God is here... *Third*, the Kingdom of God is not yet completed until King Jesus returns” (pgs. 87, 88, and 90). Explain these things in your own words. What does all of this mean?

Q: What difference does all of this make as you consider telling others the good news? How should a biblical understanding of the Kingdom of God impact the way you proclaim the gospel?