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**Romans 4:23-25 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness- for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.**

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**Sunday = Easter Celebration**

**Gospel = Life off the razor's edge**



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Oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so  
strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
The battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and Heav'n be one.**



**Closing the gap between "what is"  
and "what should be"**

**The Gospel = The "good news" of  
relationship with God**

# The Gospel is not...



**What can I expect from God?**

**When we prosper...we prosper like  
people with eternal values.**

**When we suffer...we suffer like  
people with eternal hope.**

**God made you...**

**Your purpose is to know him and  
love him and make his love known.**

**Your purpose is to enjoy relationship  
with him forever.**