

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL:

A SERMON.

1 Tim. 1. 11: "The glorious Gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

THE gospel must be something very important. When Christ was leaving our world the commission which He gave to His followers was to preach the gospel unto every creature. In the Apocalypse, we read of an angel flying in the midst of Heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth. The Apostle Paul made it his boast that from Jerusalem round about unto Illyrium, he had fully preached the gospel. And when John the Baptist sent from his prison two of his disciples unto Christ to ask, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" the answer returned is memorable: "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up;" and, last and most wonderful of all, "the poor have the gospel preached to them."

What, then, is the gospel? The word, as you are aware, means good news or glad tidings. And the gospel here is the good news of salvation to the perishing through Jesus Christ.

This subject suggests three points for consideration, viz: What the gospel presupposes, the gospel message itself, and the manner in which it is here characterized.

I. *What the gospel presupposes.* It presupposes man's state of sin and ruin. What is good news to us depends largely on our state and circumstances. The tidings which