**The Gospel According to the Lamb**

*What God achieved in Christ is the end goal of ALL God’s purposes.*

1. Christ is the meaning of creation.
2. The gospel is not an afterthought which God devised after sin entered creation
3. God created the heavens and the earth with the express plan of bringing all creation to its ultimate goal through the cross of Christ. The cross is the plan from all eternity.
4. Christ is the meaning behind all O.T. covenants.
5. Christ life, death and resurrection bring to full fruition all the covenant promises
6. Jesus fulfilled the law as the perfect covenant partner
7. Christ’s death satisfies ALL covenant demands of obedience
8. Christ is the meaning behind all prophecy.
9. Jesus doesn’t just fulfill certain “scattered” messianic predictions
10. All that the prophets spoke are fulfilled fully in Christ
11. Christ is the meaning of all existence.
12. “Christ, who is our life” (Col. 3:4) is the consummate meaning behind all reality
13. Christ is the meaning of the second coming (Parousia).
14. Christ’s first coming (incarnation) cannot be disconnected from His second coming (Parousia)
15. Cannot abstract the Lion from the Lamb. Christ is the Lamb who is the Lion and the Lion who is the Lamb *at the same time*
16. Christ does NOT return in the Parousia to do some new or unaccomplished work
17. Christ returns as the final consummation (full realization) of the “deposit” of His finished work of His life, death, and resurrection
18. The “status” we now enjoy by faith becomes our final “state” in the New Heavens and the New Earth