

Session 4: The Importance of Gospel Clarity:

Part 1: Why is gospel clarity so important?

Galatians 1:6-12

- This is the church's commission.
- There is no other saving gospel.
- It is a matter of eternity.
- It shapes how Christians are to live.
- We are passing on a sacred trust that we must communicate clearly to the next generation.

Part 2: What is the gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- **"Christ:"** The gospel is centered on a person.
- **"Died:"** He literally died.
- **"For our sins:"** His death served an unescapable purpose.
- **"According to the scriptures:"** The scriptures witness this message from Genesis to Revelation.
- **"He was buried:"** His physical death was literal.
- **"Rose again the third day:"**s His resurrection from the dead was a literal bodily resurrection from the dead.
- **"And that he was seen:"** It is presented as an historically documented event that is well attested.

Part 3: What is provided for sinners in the gospel?

Ephesians 1:3-14

- **Regeneration: 1 Peter 1:3**
- **Forgiveness: Ephesians 1:7**
- **Justification:**
 - **Romans 5:1**
 - **Romans 5:9**
- **Positional holiness: 1 Corinthians 6:11**
- **Security: Romans 8:31**
- **Future glory: Romans 8:38-39**

Part 4: How must we respond to the gospel?

Acts 20:20-21

- **Repentance:**
 - **A thinking change:**
 - The person of Christ.

- Our true spiritual condition.
- The nature of our sin.
- The way of salvation.
- **Faith:**
 - **The mind:** We need to understand and affirm the fundamental components of the gospel.
 - **The heart:** We need to be convicted internally that these truths affirmed by scripture are true.
 - **The will:** This is a choice to personally trust in the gospel.

Part 5: Some Final thoughts:

- We need to make sure our own understanding of the gospel is clear.
- We need to be precise and simple in our language.
- We need to learn to ask good questions to make sure that what we think we are saying and what is being heard are the same thing.
- We need to guard the purity of the gospel.
- We need to be passionate and diligent about giving the gospel.
- We need to pray for the next generation as they take what they have been given.