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OUR MESSAGE

Gospel Centrality, It's All About Jesus

LUKE 24:13-27 1 COR 15:1-5

"Church membership is about a church taking specific responsibility for a Christian, and a Christian for a church."

JONATHAN LEEMAN



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

ROMANS 3:23-25 ESV

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

THE GOSPEL IS THE CENTRE OF THE BIBLE

LUKE 24:25-27 ESV

²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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"A sermon without Christ as its beginning, middle, and end is a mistake in conception and a crime in execution. However grand the language it will be merely much-adoabout-nothing if Christ be not there. And I mean by Christ not merely his example and the ethical precepts of his teaching, but his atoning blood, his wondrous satisfaction made for human sin, and the grand doctrine of 'believe and live."

CHARLES SPURGEON

THE GOSPEL IS THE CENTRE OF EVERYTHING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8 ESV

¹Now I would <u>remind</u> you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I <u>preached</u> to you, which you <u>received</u>, in which you <u>stand</u>, ² and by which you are <u>being saved</u>, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8 ESV

³ For I delivered to you as of <u>first importance</u> what I also received: that <u>Christ died for our sins</u> in accordance with the Scriptures,



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1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8 ESV

⁴ that he was buried, <u>that he was raised on the third day</u> in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

"Nonbelievers need to hear the gospel to believe it and be saved. Believers need to be reminded of the gospel so they can grow deeper in Christ. There is really no distinction, you see, between what believers need to hear and what unbelievers need to hear. Both believers and unbelievers need to get a glimpse of God's majestic glory, a taste of His surpassing beauty, and a sense of how much grace God has shown toward them in Christ.

Both believers and unbelievers need to be rebuked for their pride and self-sufficiency, to be reminded of the allsurpassing beauty of God. They both need to be stirred up to faith. The gospel is the centre of the message no matter who you are talking to. It is everything. Christ is all."

J.D. GREEAR

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PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOURSELF

GALATIANS 2:20 ESV

"_____ has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer _____ who lives, but Christ who lives in _____. And the life _____ now lives in the flesh _____ lives by faith in the Son of God, who loved _____ and gave himself for _____"

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"We are justified freely, for Christ's sake, by faith, without the exertion of our own strength, gaining of merit, or doing of works. To the age-old question, "What shall I do to be saved?" the confessional answer is shocking: "Nothing! Just be still; shut up and listen for once in your life to what God the Almighty, creator and redeemer, is saying to his world and to you in the death and resurrection of his Son! Listen and believe!"

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