



Luke 2:21-35

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Imagine a life where hope overcomes doubt, love conquers fear, and anticipation is a gift. This is the key to a Kingdom-shaped, meaningful life with Jesus and others.

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ANTICIPATION:

waiting eagerly for
something you know is
going to happen



**Anticipation unites us all,
coloring the fabric of our
shared human experience
and faith in King Jesus and
His kingdom.**

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The Astonishing
Arrival of God





The space between Jesus' incarnation and His promised second coming is filled with OUR anticipation.

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Based on our shared understanding, negative anticipation manifests as anxiety or worry.

In contrast, positive anticipation is characterized by hope or faith.



A person, whose heart has not been touched by God's love and redefined by Christ, will outsource their identity and value to the revolving door of "golden calves".

A photograph of a simple wooden manger, constructed from several horizontal logs and two vertical posts, resting on a mound of reddish-brown sand. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The manger is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the sand mound extending towards the center.

With the guiding wisdom of six essential qualities, the good news of Jesus must profoundly influence our anticipation between His first arrival and second coming.

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A photograph of a wooden signpost on a sand dune. The signpost is made of several horizontal wooden planks stacked on top of each other, supported by two vertical wooden posts. It stands on a large, rounded sand dune. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Essential Qualities of the Gospel

1. Redemptive — We live victoriously, with freedom from accusing thoughts and superficial identities. (Colossians 1:13-14)
2. Righteous — We live without the weight of sin's guilt and are enabled for a life of godliness. (Romans 4:23-24)

A photograph of a stack of logs on a mound of sand. The logs are stacked horizontally and supported by two vertical wooden posts. The sand is a light brown color and is piled up around the base of the logs. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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3. Restorative — Restorative means, Jesus mends our broken, sinful lives and we then help others thrive and get better. (1 Peter 5:10)

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4. Riotous — The term “riotous” is metaphorical. It’s used to convey the radical and transformative impact of the Gospel - how it disrupts established norms, brings about profound change, and challenges the status quo. (Acts 19:23)





“(An idol is) anything more important to you than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give. If we take Christianity out of it, an idol is the thing that drives your life.”

- Tim Keller

Essential Qualities of the Gospel


**5. Revolutionary — A revolutionary gospel stands as a faithful witness to the good news of Jesus Christ and the manifold wisdom of God.
(Ephesians 3:10-11)**



A photograph of a wooden signpost made of stacked logs on a sandy dune. The signpost is constructed from several horizontal logs stacked on top of each other, supported by two vertical logs. It stands on a small mound of sand. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Essential Qualities of the Gospel


**6. Replete — A replete gospel enables us to experience the fullness of God and to overflow with His presence, personality, nature, and love.
(Ephesians 3:19; Colossians 2:9-10)**

A photograph of a stack of logs on a mound of earth. The logs are stacked horizontally and supported by two vertical wooden posts. The mound is made of reddish-brown soil. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

"I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land."

Exodus 23:30

New Living Translation

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A Redemptive gospel saves us from sin's ownership and transforms us into children of God.

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A Righteous gospel saves us from sin's lifestyle and transforms us into whole people who live with godly integrity.

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A Restorative gospel saves us from sin's destruction and prepares us to serve others.

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**A Riotous gospel saves us
from sin's idolatry and
changes us into fully
devoted followers of Jesus.**

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**A Revolutionary gospel
saves us from sin's
intimidation and authorizes
us to be brave, authentic
witnesses of King Jesus.**

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A Replete gospel saves us from sin's emptiness and entrusts us to live with the fullness of God, lacking no good thing.

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Let's not just hear these words but live them out. Together, what positive change can we bring if...

- 1. This week, each of us share our conversion story with another and invite them to enter a relationship with King Jesus.**

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2. Treat and speak to others with generous love.

3. Receive and respond to God's work in the broken areas of our lives.

4. Repent of idols and renew our devotion to Christ.



**5. Join each other in our Seek
First, 12 Days of 24/7 Prayer.**

**6. Express joy for others when we
are with others.**