Session 5 - The Gospel & Its Implications



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Equip the church to discover, deliver & defend the truth of God's Word and engaging the people, ideas, and issues in God's World.

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### 4 P'S OF SIN

#### The biblical Gospel delivers you from the 4 P's of sin...

- The Penalty of sin (death) Romans 6:23
- The Power of sin (your flesh has control)...what you are vs. who you are
- The <u>Passions</u> of sin (your desire for sinful things diminish)
- The <u>Pleasure</u> of sin (enjoyment of and desire for)

## **NOT FALSE RELIGION**

#### **Dead Works**

- Trying to create your own goodness (Romans 4:4-5 & Romans 10:3-4)
- · Living by a checklist

VS.

### Death to Self

- Trusting in God's Righteousness (Romans 3:21-26)
- Take up your cross daily (Galatians 2:20 & Acts 20:21 & 24)
- Transformation from the inside out...who you are changes, not just what you do (Romans 12:1-2)
- We are pilgrims (Hebrews 11:13-16)



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## YOUR TESTIMONY & YOUR CHARACTER

**Your testimony is a witness** (Revelation 12:10-11).

<u>Your character is powerful</u>. If the message that you preach isn't powerful enough to transform your life, then please don't expect unbelievers to think it will change theirs. Acts 4:13 & Philippians 1:12-14

\*\*Part of godly character is knowing the times & ways to be separate (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1).\*\*

## **DON'T BE AFRAID TO ADDRESS SIN**

Saying hard things at the right time, in the right way for the right reasons (Proverbs 27:5-6 & Matthew 7:1-6).

- Call to Repentance (Acts 3:19 & 2 Corinthians 7:9-11)
- Death to self (Romans 6:14 & Galatians 5:24)
- Obedience (**John 15:1-14**, **emphasize vs. 14**)
- Spiritual Growth (Galatians 5:16)
- Walk with them (Galatians 6:1-2; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13)

In the famous "don't judge me" passage (**Matthew 7:1-6**) it's important to note that if you're going to address the sin in other people's lives you need to be willing to deal with it in your own life first.

## **PROCESS**

Reaching the lost is <u>a process</u>, not an event.

Set realistic expectations – take the long view. Have the *urgency* of a firefighter & *patience* of a winemaker.

Plans don't save people, God does.

\*\*People are lost & lonely!\*\*

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# **WILL YOU STAND?**

- Matthew 10:34-39
- Luke 9:23
- Luke 14:25-34
- Hebrews 11:35-39

"Peace at all costs, truth if possible" OR "Truth at all costs, peace if possible"

### Why are we unwilling to stand?

Proverbs 29:25 & 1 John 2:15-17 give us some insight.

"Nobody trusts him (the Christian man) to stand on God's Word alone and to suffer for a conviction. He has no stomach for it because his loyalty is not to Christ—it is to himself. He will stand for truth occasionally, but only when he decides the cost is not too great. Convictions that would cost him are too much for his lust for man's approval to endure"

Daron Roberts