

We Are The Church

Pt. 5 - "Healthy Churches Possess Gospel Doctrine"
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A Working Definition of the Church

"A group of Christians who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom, to affirm one another as his citizens through the ordinances. To proclaim the good news and commands of Christ the King, to display God's own holiness & love through a unified and diverse people; as they follow the teaching and example of the pastors/ elders & overseers.

A Premise to Set the Stage:

- ~ The gospel is what carries the church forward and allows her to carry out her mission. But we need a biblical proper understanding of the gospel to do so.
- ~ Gospel clarity can lead to gospel devotion.

More Definitions:

Culture = the customary beliefs, social forms, attitudes, traits, values, or goals of a particular group of people.

Gospel = the good news that God has provided a way for man to be forgiven of us his sin and given salvation through His son, Jesus Christ.

~A shorter explanation of the **gospel** = it's a _____ mission.

- > What the world needs are churches who proclaim the good news of the gospel and then live in it day in and day out!

"The least valuable thing in the world is a church that echoes what I already think. What we need today more than ever are churches that preach the truth about God and the gospel."

- Mark Dever

I) We Need the Gospel Because We have been _____.

Isaiah 59:2

"but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he does not hear."

- > Vance Havner once said "We are not to be isolated but insulated.

Moving in the midst of evil but untouched by it."

~ What he is saying is that separation from God is to be in contact with contamination. And our great contamination is our sin.

II) We Need the Gospel Because it _____ Us to God.

Romans 5:8-10

- > Reconciliation is a key component to Paul's message!

Notice 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. *"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation...."*

A BIG Idea Behind this Message:

> Gospel _____ Creates Gospel _____ <

- > Four Application Truths from the Bible:

a) We Should Not be _____ of the Gospel

Romans 1:16

b) The Gospel is the Source of _____.

Colossians 1:23

c) The Gospel _____ to Save Us

1 Corinthians 1:18

d) The Gospel Ushers in the _____ of God.

Matthew 24:14