

The Jesus Centered Life pt. 1 Ephesians 3:7-14

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“This gospel” is summarized in Ephesians 2:8–10

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The same power and grace that accomplishes our salvation accompanies our calling.

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God's plan for revealing his mystery to the world is the church.

The church is central to God's plan for spreading the gospel

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The church is central to the life of every Christian, because Christ is at the center of the church.

The church is more than gathering to sing, pray, read, study, preach, and encourage; but it's not less than that.

The unified worship of the church is one of the most powerful demonstrations of God's grace and glory on earth.

The gathered church is a demonstration of God's power when it's true.

God's power and glory are demonstrated in the church where Christ is at the center of the people and their lives.

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The bold and confident Christian life you want to live is grounded in humility and sacrifice.

Paul's confidence was in Jesus, not himself.

1. Focus on spending time with God and praying about what's going on in your life.
2. Commit to sacrificing for the sake of others because Jesus sacrificed for you.
3. Prioritize the church and your relationship with your brothers and sisters.