



LIVING ON MISSION

GOING WITH THE GOSPEL

“Parents Living on Mission”
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B. The church only has your children about four hours a week. There are 168 hours in a week. You do the math.

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²⁴Therefore the Law has become our tutor unto Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

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d. Then he wants to know what he can do to be right with God. That's when the tutor gently leads the child to the cross of Christ. "The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7c).

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C. The world will disciple your children. Parents, we have a high and holy calling to teach and train our children the truth about God in His Word and in His world.

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E. We should teach our children to know and love God. We should teach them to serve Him all the days of their lives because He is the first and chiefest being (The Baptist Catechism, question one).

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- C. You say: “I’ve blown it. I’ve messed up.” I understand. We as Christians understand.**

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E. I thank God every day for His amazing grace. Don't beat yourself up. Pray yourself up. Confess your sins. Admit your shortcomings to your children. Seek the Lord and His mercy and grace.

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G. The Gospel Definition

The gospel is the good news that the just and gracious God of the universe looked upon hopelessly sinful people and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection so that everyone who turns from their sin (repentance) and believes in Him (faith) will be reconciled to God forever.

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20