

GOSPEL LIVING

The gospel is not only how we begin the Christian life; it is the truth that shapes how we think, feel, and live every day. Sound doctrine carries and supports the gospel. (1 Timothy 1:10–11)

THE GOSPEL — THE CENTER

The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It is the power of God for salvation—not merely good advice for improving our lives.

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 2:2 | Galatians 6:14 | Romans 1:16

GOSPEL TRUTHS — SHAPE OUR THINKING

We continually remind ourselves “what is true because of the gospel.” These truths become the foundation for how we understand our circumstances, emotions, and relationships.

- We have peace with God. — Romans 5:1
- There is no condemnation for those in Christ. — Romans 8:1
- God has proven His care for us through Christ. — Romans 8:32

Key Truth: The gospel gives us solid reasons to believe, hope, and trust God.

GOSPEL CONDUCT — SHAPES OUR LIVING

Our obedience flows from what Christ has already done for us. Scripture connects Christian conduct to gospel truth.

- Forgive because God in Christ forgave you. — Ephesians 4:32
- Honor God with your body because you were bought at a price. — 1 Corinthians 6:18–20
- Live in a manner worthy of the gospel. — Philippians 1:27

Key Truth: What we do for Christ flows from what He has done for us.

REMEMBER THE PATTERN

GOSPEL → GOSPEL TRUTHS → GOSPEL CONDUCT

What Christ has done → What is true because of it → How I live because of it

THIS WEEK

When facing a struggle, decision, temptation, or relationship issue, ask: “What gospel truth should shape the way I think and respond?”

Listening Guide - GOSPEL CENTRALITY

Big Idea: The gospel is not merely the starting point of the Christian life; it is the center that shapes our doctrine, our thinking, and our conduct.

THE FUNCTIONAL CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL

Think of three concentric circles: GOSPEL → GOSPEL TRUTHS → GOSPEL CONDUCT

1. THE GOSPEL

- The gospel is the _____ of God for salvation to everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16)
- The gospel is good _____ not merely good advice.
- Paul's focus: "Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)

2. GOSPEL _____.

- Gospel truths shape our _____.
- Truth should shape our thinking, feeling, and acting.
- Examples: justified by faith → peace with God (Romans 5:1); no condemnation in Christ (Romans 8:1).

3. GOSPEL _____.

- Our manner of life should be worthy of the _____ of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)
- What we do for Christ flows from what He has already _____ for us.
- Gospel imperatives flow from Gospel _____.

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

- **I Corinthians 6:18-20** – "Flee from sexual immorality. . . You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."
 - What?
 - Why?
- **Ephesians 4:32** – "...forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."
 - What?
 - Why?
- **II Corinthians 8:7,9** – "... see that you excel in this act of grace also . . . for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."
 - What?
 - Why?

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