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9/13/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part 1

Outline:

Evangelism

Is the Gospel a simple presentation of facts followed by a mental assent to believe those facts? Or is there more to it than that? Does simply believing that Jesus is real and that He wants to give them blessings save a person?

Today's "gospel"

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1 Ti 2:4

who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God's Heart

The Lord God desires ALL to come to repentance.

The Beautiful Gospel

God has made His Gospel simple enough for a child to believe yet substantial enough to invigorate the most spiritually mature for all their days.

Simple does not mean without cost.

Pastor John MacArthur

Jesus' offer of rest for the weary is a call to conversion. It is a masterpiece of redemptive truth – a synopsis of the gospel according to Jesus.

Salvation

God is the One who saves, not the evangelist.

Humility

Humility is the key to salvation. The most learned Jewish Bible scholars of the time (“the wise and intelligent”) were spiritually blind because they used natural thinking to interpret spiritual reality.

“well-pleasing in Your sight”

refers to His children’s dependence on Him (versus the independent, critical thinkers of Jesus’ day)

Revelation

The Son of God reveals the Gospel to God’s children through Himself. It is the ONLY way that leads to conversion.

Acts 15:10

“Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?”

Repentance

A “weary and heavy-laden” person is ripe soil for repentance. They are ready to turn away from the futility of the sin-life and towards God’s grace.

Heart for Christ

A heart for Christ is evidenced when a person repents and turns to Christ as Lord and Savior. (“Come to Me” – **Mat 11:28**)

Acts 2:38

Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Heart Issues

One has to turn their back on sin in order to fully commit to the Lord Jesus. Their whole heart must turn.

Submission

A person must be willing to submit to Jesus Christ as Lord (not just Savior). This is part of the invitation a person receives at salvation. One must be willing to surrender their life to Jesus.

Jesus’ Yoke

The world imposes unbearable burdens on the flesh; however consider the fact that Jesus was meek and lowly. His yoke is much easier to bear, especially since it is by grace that He empowers us to do so.

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