

GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT

“For All Have Sinned”

Scripture Reading: ROMANS 3:19-23

-) **SLIDES 1-6.** Bible Jeopardy!
-) **SLIDES 7-8.** Read today’s Scripture text.
-) **SLIDE 9.** Today we continue in our sermon series “*GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT.*” And I have titled today’s message “*For All Have Sinned*” (3:23). What have we learned so far?
-) **SLIDE 10.** We began with bad news. Many will be deceived into thinking they have the gospel (the road to eternal life) figured out. They will say “*Lord, Lord*” but, because they have the wrong gospel, they will leave the presence of God destined for the eternal pits of hell.
-) **SLIDE 11.** Because of this, only a few will make it into the kingdom of God. Few have the right gospel and find the narrow path, and many, with an incorrect gospel, find the broad path that leads to destruction.
-) **SLIDE 12.** The gospel, the only path to eternal life, can only be found in the Bible, the Word of God. The gospel is only found in Christianity and not in any other religious system.
-) **SLIDE 13.** The gospel is the message of who Jesus is, what Jesus said, and what Jesus accomplished.
-) **SLIDE 14.** The gospel is not just one fact about Jesus. We need to learn all the necessary gospel facts.
-) **SLIDE 15.** The gospel is not found in one verse of the Bible. We need to search the Scriptures to get the gospel right.
-) **SLIDE 16.** The gospel is entirely Christ-centered and never man-centered.

-) Yes, the good news of the gospel has brought a wonderful salvation to every Christian. But the gospel is not about me and it's not about you. It's about the glory of God. The Christian is just the fortunate recipient of a salvation provided and gifted by God who wants to bring glory to His holy name.
-) This is week #3 in this series and I haven't yet begun to explain exactly what the gospel is. So, today let's begin putting those gospel pieces and facts together. And to do that we will use a logical progression of Scripture. Let's start here.
-) **SLIDE 17.** 1 COR 15:1-3. There are two more verses after this one which are important. But I want to stop after verse three because I want to focus on the first step of the gospel.
-) **SLIDE 18.** Christ died for our **SINS** according to the Scriptures.
-) **SLIDE 19.** First we'll talk about "*our sins.*" What is a sin? According to Webster: "*an offense against religious or moral law : transgression of the law of God.*"
-) **SLIDE 20.** ROMANS 3:23. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. That means me, you, Billy Graham, the pope, and even Mary the mother of Jesus, we are all sinners and we all have a sin problem. "*All*" means all.
-) **SLIDE 21.** EPHESIANS 2:1-3. Listen. Many people think they are friends with God. But the Bible tells us that our sin has made us children of wrath and enemies with God (ROM 5:10). Our sin has now separated us from God. Enemies, not friends.
-) **SLIDE 22.** ROMANS 6:23. The wages of sin is death. A wage is something we earn and our sin earns us a death sentence. That means every sinner deserves eternal death in the pits of hell. Why? Because a perfectly holy God cannot have fellowship with an unregenerate sinner.
-) **SLIDE 23.** Review. This isn't a pretty picture for the eternity of humankind.

-) **SLIDE 24.** The gospel always proclaims the **SINFULNESS** of mankind. The gospel is useless and meaningless if a person is not aware of their sin problem. This is basic gospel truth.
-) A person must recognize who and what they are (sinners) and what that sin has spiritually done to them. Not telling a person about their sin is teaching a false gospel.
-) Hypothetical situation. Let's say you are sharing this fact about the gospel to an unbeliever. And they understand and they agree that they see the sinfulness inside them self. What would be the first logical response they would have? They will try to fix themselves. Fix themselves with what? Good works. And that leads us to our next gospel truth.
-) **SLIDE 25.** Good works has **NEVER** or will **EVER** save a person from their sin problem.
-) **SLIDE 26.** EPHESIANS 2:8,9. No boasting in our salvation.
-) **SLIDE 27.** ROMANS 3:20.
-) **SLIDE 28.** GALATIANS 2:16. We spent 47 weeks in GALATIANS stressing the importance of this.
-) What do these 3 Scripture verses conclude? These 3 verses conclude that works (of the law) will not fix the sin problem we all have. Not fixed by our works, our efforts, our deeds, or our merit. Teaching anything different is teaching a false gospel.
-) **SLIDE 29.** The gospel always proclaims the **HELPLESSNESS** of mankind. The gospel is useless and damning if a person believes they have a sin problem (which is good) but they can fix that sin problem themselves.
-) There is no use in continuing to explain the remaining facts of the gospel to an unbeliever unless that person recognizes that 1) they have a sin problem and 2) there is nothing they can do to fix the sinful situation they are in. And every person is in a sinful situation. For all have sinned.

-) Now wait a second Mike. Last week you said that the gospel is entirely Christ-centered and never man-centered. And the only facts about the gospel you gave us this morning are about man's sinfulness and man's helplessness. Good observation and thank you for paying attention.
-) When I say, "*the gospel is entirely Christ-centered,*" I speak from the standpoint of Who has the solution and therefore Who gets the glory and praise. The only thing man-centered about the gospel is that we (mankind) have a very serious problem that none of us can fix on our own. We must identify ourselves.
-) Do you realize how many human beings never hear this part of the gospel message—that we all have a sin problem and there is nothing we can do to fix that problem?
-) Folks, this is utterly foundation! We must start with this Biblical truth when presenting the gospel. I cannot present a solution to their problem if they are not aware that they have a problem that they themselves cannot fix.
-) **SLIDE 30.** Joel Osteen. He preaches the self-esteem gospel which is another gospel. Feel good about yourself. There's nothing wrong with you. God loves you just the way you are. And preaching this feel-good gospel is what's wrong with church today. He omits the first steps of the gospel.
-) Do you realize how many human beings DO hear this part of the gospel message but cannot and will not accept the fact that they have a sin problem?
-) And, unfortunately, that is where we are at as a society. Today's society will say, "*I can't possibly be broken. Not me. And if by some remote chance that I just might be broken, I can take care of and fix it myself. So, you self-righteous Christians, keep your Bible to yourself and leave me alone.*"
-) If we are going to share the gospel which is the only message unto salvation, we MUST know what the gospel is.

-) And now we all know the first two facts of the gospel that must be shared—the sinfulness of all mankind and the helplessness of all mankind. You and I, by ourselves, cannot fix what's broke. And sin has broken us all. For all have sinned.
-) Next week, we start talking about the only solution to our sin problem with more gospel facts.

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