

The Gospel

A systematic, somewhat concise, but otherwise offensive-to-liberal-theologians presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Gospel

- Objectives
 - Get a bit of an understanding of what the Gospel is NOT
 - Comprehensive, though quick paced, view of the 'Full Gospel'
 - Take this 'big picture' of the Gospel and make it concise and easily communicated
 - Audio clip

The Preaching Ministry of Christ

- What message does the 'Gospel' begin with?
 - Matthew 4:17
 - Mark 1:15
 - Luke 4:18-19
 - John 3:16-21

Man

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| ■ Good | ■ Evil |
| ■ Righteous | ■ Wicked |
| ■ Free | ■ Slaves |
| ■ Godly | ■ Ungodly |
| ■ Born again | ■ Unregenerate |
| ■ Wheat | ■ Tares |
| ■ Good seed | ■ Bad seed |
| ■ Saints | ■ Sinners |
| ■ Alive | ■ Dead |
| ■ Pure | ■ Defiled |
| ■ Objects of Mercy | ■ Objects of Wrath |
| ■ Friends of God | ■ Enemies of God |
| ■ Children of God | ■ Children of the devil |

What is it that separates the one from the other?



Man

- What is it that causes this schism?
- God demands:
 - Righteousness (Psalm 11)
 - Obedience (Deuteronomy 11:1)
 - Holiness (Hebrews 12:14)
- Remember the angels

The Law

- Questions:
 - Am I a sinner because I broke the law? Or, is there a law because I am a sinner?
 - Was Abraham justified before God by obedience to the law?
 - Was man declared sinful before or after the law?
 - Was Cain guilty before God after or before the 6th commandment was given? Why?

The Law

- What is the purpose then of the law?
 - Romans 7:7
 - Galatians 3:22-25
 - The 'Good' driver
- 'But I'm not that bad.' 'I may be a sinner but I'm not EVIL'
- What is it that keeps us from being as wicked as we could be? (Luke 4:22, 28-30)
- The law is a restraint, a curb on the road of life, our conscience are those vibrating thingys
- How should this effect how we worship in the next hour?

The Law

- Therefore, who thinks they can stand before God on any merit of goodness?
- What is the result when sinful mankind stands before a Holy, Just, Good God?
 - Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego
 - Our God is a 'Consuming Fire' (Hebrews 12:29)
 - He '...burns up all His enemies...' (Psalm 97:3)
- This is the foundation of the Gospel: Man has a big problem.

The Consequence

- What then is the punishment?
 - ‘And these will go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT.’ (Matthew 25:46)
 - ‘For the wages of sin is DEATH...’ (Romans 6:23)
 - ‘Stop sinning or something WORSE will happen...’ John 5:14
 - What do we do to a murderer in Florida or Texas?
- The debt vs. the warrant
- Does this concern you? Its time for Good News

Adam (Genesis 3)

- What was the consequence for Adam and Eve when they sinned?
- How were they to die?
- The responsibility of the Federal Head
- Trembling in the fear of a Holy and Angry God
- The atonement and covering
- The closet
- God clothed them and Adam learned that to stand before God, blood MUST be shed

The New Adam

- Jesus is the New Adam (Romans 5:14, 1 Cor. 15:45)
- The bride and the consequence
- But what does God do?
 - ‘He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us’ (2 Cor. 5:21)
 - ‘He was wounded for our transgressions...the Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all.’ (Isaiah 53:4-6)
 - Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity...’ (Psalm 32:2, Romans 4:1-8)
 - This is JUSTIFICATION, its by FAITH for we can trust in none other than Christ
- The lamb
- For who?
- But that is not going to get us into heaven

The Righteous Requirement of the Law

- Though cleansed we are lacking something
- God demands perfect righteousness and obedience from His people
- Remember Adam
- The IMPUTED righteousness of Christ
 - 'For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ' (Galatians 3:27 NIV)
 - 'Put on the Lord Jesus Christ' (Romans 13:14)
 - Parable of wedding garments (Matthew 22:1-17)
- The Lord's Supper is that time to review your wardrobe and to remember what it cost
- We are saved, not because we are 'good' people, but because we are really BAD people saved by a really Good God

The Concise Gospel

- Man has a big problem – SIN and Rebellion
- There is a consequence – Death and everlasting destruction
- The warrant MUST and WILL BE EXECUTED
- Christ averts the wrath of God upon His people by stepping in and providing atonement on their behalf
- He does so only by His grace, since there is nothing redeemable about His people, and for His pleasure
- Once cleansed of his/her filthy, sinful, rags He clothes them with His righteousness (Imputation)

For Who?

- Those who feel the guilt and burden after seeing they have transgressed the law of a holy God
- The man who beat his chest, the Jews at Pentecost, Isaiah
- Those who confess their sins, repent, and believe that God is who He says He is, and that Man believes who God says man is, and who are weary and heavy laden, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

The Result

- Inwardly
 - 'We have peace with God' (Romans 5:1)
 - We have the promise of the Comforter (Jn. 14, 16)
- Outwardly
 - Romans 12
 - Ephesians 4
- To the world
 - The Great Commission
 - Matthew 25:14-30
