

Why The Gospel Matters



July 13th

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Summer Series: Why This Matters

- A look into why we do what we do
- An understanding of why we are committed to a few essential things at our church and doing them well
- A realization that simplicity helps us keep the main thing the main thing while complexity often leads us away from the main thing

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What is the Gospel?

- Good news...
 - Luke 2:10-11... ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news** that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”
- Gerhard Friedrich...
 - “Christ is to be understood as both the **object** and the **author** of the message.”

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1 Corinthians 15:1-5... “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”

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1. That Christ Died for Our Sins
 - We are sinners desperately in need of a Saviour
 - Sin has infected us and is destroying us
 - The wages of sin is... death (Rom 6:23)
 - BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!
 - Jesus paid the penalty for our sin – he took our place and died for our sins
 - In return, Jesus gave us his righteousness!
 - This was all part of God's plan (“in accordance with the Scriptures...”)

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1. That Christ Died for Our Sins
2. That He was Buried
 - Jesus really died
 - He was laid in a real tomb
 - The Scripture foretold that he would be buried in a rich man's tomb

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3. That He was Raised on the 3rd Day
 - He was physically raised from the dead on the third day
 - This proved he was God as he conquered both sin and death
 - This makes the resurrection an essential aspect of the gospel... no resurrection, no Gospel, no Christianity!

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4. That He Appeared to Peter and the Twelve
 - The claim of Jesus' resurrection is not myth, hallucination or hearsay as it was witnessed by the 12 as well as many others (more than 500 eye witnesses)
 - The empty tomb (no body) and his multiple appearances where he ate with the disciples, was touched by them, and spent time with them shows that Jesus was not just a Spirit, but physically resurrected

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1. It is of first importance

- It is the message that lead to you to faith and what led to you being transformed into a new person!
- It is the very core of your entire belief system as a Christian
- The gospel is the platform from which you see all other things

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2. It is the gateway to salvation
 - Rom 1:16... For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
 - Rom 10:17... Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ

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3. It is what we continue to stand on
 - It is the core of what drives us in everything we do both individually and as a community of faith
 - Individually... parenting, work, friendships, sports, money, time
 - Corporately... programs, services, resources, the reason the drives all that we do
 - It is the very power of God! (1 Cor 1:18)

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3. It is what we continue to stand on
4. It continues to save us as we hold fast to it
 - There is only one gospel
 - Galatians 1... But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!

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1. It is of first importance in your life.. Or is it?
 - To receive the Gospel and understand it changes the way you think and the way you see life

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3. It is what you continue to stand on as you walk through life
 - A dedication to the gospel and living a life worthy of it will keep you from straying off course or being swayed by a false gospel
 - We can be confident that God is with us, that he loves us and that we can come into his presence at any time in any place because of the gospel

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 - As you hold on to the gospel firmly, it holds on to you and is foundational to God's continuing work in your life to conform you into the image of Jesus

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