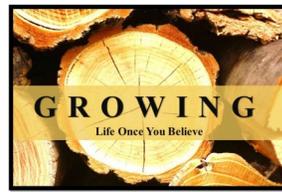


GOSPEL & GOAL

ROM. 1:15-16; 1 COR. 15:1-4; 1 PET. 2:9-12



What is the Gospel?

The Dangers of _____ and _____

Ex: The _____ and _____ Gospel

“I am a sinner separated from God but Jesus came to save me from my sin so I can go to heaven when I die.”

The Need: _____

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

Ex: “The gospel is the good news that God has provided everything necessary, in the death and resurrection of Jesus, to accomplish His plan of saving a people from sin who will reflect His glory into all of His creation for all eternity.”

The Absolute Center: _____

Expanding the Focus _____

Expanding the Scope _____

“The reason many believers still struggle with their own identity and purpose for living is because they have not understood the whole gospel.”

~ Neil Anderson

Expanding the Results _____

Expanding the Calling _____

Expanding the Time _____

What is the gospel for? What is its goal?

1. It is needed to _____

2. It is necessary for _____

“The Christian story provides us with such a set of lenses, not something for us to look at, but something for us to look through.” ~ Lesslie Newbigin

Going Deeper

(For individual or small groups to go deeper with the passage)

- Read 1 Cor. 15:1-4. If you want, circle or underline key verbs and nouns.
- What is one word or phrase that stands out to you? Why?
- How does the phrase “according to the Scriptures” function in the passage? How does it inform understanding the gospel and Old Testament?
- What are the ways Paul indicates believers relate to the gospel?
- What is the gospel? How would you summarize it?
- Paul’s summary includes facts about Jesus and their meaning, but not Jesus’ ethical teaching. Why is this distinction vital to the Christian message of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone?
- Both in Corinth and Rome (Romans 1:15) Paul talks about preaching the gospel to Christians. What are some benefits to reminding Christians of the gospel? (c.f. Gal. 1:6-8; 2:11-14)
- Spiritual Exercise: Pray for a chance to encourage a brother or sister in Christ with the hope and assurance and power of the gospel.