

“Gospel Centered ... Why is it Important?”

X. What does it mean to be Gospel Centered?

A. What is the Gospel?

1) The MOST Important Message Ever

4 Components

- 1) God
- 2) Man
- 3) Christ
- 4) Response

4 Questions:

- 1) *Who made us? Am I accountable to Him?*
- 2) *What is the problem? Why?*
- 3) *What is the solution? How?*
- 4) *How am I included? What makes this good news for me?*

Rom 1-4

Romans 1:15-16

- 1) Man is not _____ Man is _____ to God

Romans 1:18, 20-21

- 2) Problem: Paul tells readers they have _____ against God

Romans 1:25, 3:9, 3:10-12, 3:23

- 3) Solution: _____ & _____ of Jesus Christ

Romans 3:21-22, 24-25

- 4) Response: How each of us can be included in this salvation

How am I included? By _____ in Jesus Christ

Romans 3:22, 4:5

Central Verses = 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 & 2 Corinthians 5:21

2) The Simple, Glorious Center

1 Corinthians 1:22-23, 2:2, 15:3-4

B) Why is it Important?

- 1) It makes relationship with God Possible

- 2) It reveals the Person of God

1 John 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

1 Corinthians 13:12 vs. 2 Thessalonians 1:9 ... Numbers 6:23-27

“The supreme value of the glory of Christ revealed in the gospel is what makes Satan so furious with the gospel. Satan is not mainly interested in causing us misery. He is mainly interested in making Christ look bad. He hates Christ. And he hates the glory of Christ. He will do all he can to keep people from seeing Christ as glorious. The gospel is God’s instrument for liberating people from exulting in self to exulting in Christ. Therefore Satan hates the gospel.” John Piper, God is the Gospel, p.62.

Next Week: The Gospel: What *Difference* Does the GOSPEL Make?

What is the Gospel?

4 books: -

- 1) *What is the Gospel* – Greg Gilbert
- 2) *A Gospel Primer for Christians* – Milton Vincent
- 3) *Getting the Gospel Right* – RC Sproul
- 4) *God is the Gospel* – John Piper

