

THE SIMPLE GOSPEL

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INTRODUCTION:

As we grow in our walk with Jesus, it's easy to become overwhelmed by how complicated life can get. But let's talk about the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ.

3 PARTS OF THE GOSPEL:

1. God is holy
2. Man is fallen (sinful)
3. Jesus is the Savior

1. God is holy – Isaiah 6:1-3

- ***Holy*** – separate, sanctified, set apart, sacred, unlike any other
- The severe judgements of old and new testaments were all because God is holy
- We read of fire from heaven and billows of smoke and the judgement that is to come: all because God is holy
- We have reverence when we pray (even over our food) because God is holy
- Angels in heaven cry it out, day and night: God is holy **Rev. 4:5-8**
 - **Emphasis vs. fresh revelation**
- The Father is holy – **Psalm 96:9**
 - This makes His awareness of us all the more merciful **Ps. 139:1-6, 17-18**
- Jesus is holy – **Hebrews 7:26**
 - This makes the depths of his sacrifice all the more gracious
- The Holy Spirit is holy
 - This makes the longevity of his patience with us all the more enduring
- Modern Christianity often waters down the holiness of God, emphasizing the grace of the Cross. But the cross never changed, or un-did, the holiness of God.
- If God is not holy, then there is no Gospel

2. Man is fallen

- It's easy to say man is fallen (just look around society). We obviously not at our best.
- But we must look at the creation of man to understand the devastation of man's current condition.
- If God is holy and man is made in His image and likeness, then man was made holy.
- The potency of the rebellion of Eden is that a creation that was fully aware of the character & nature of God as well as the conditions of living and dying – willfully chose to serve the god of self over the God of creation.
- Where God had the right to immediately judge Adam and Eve, he chose instead to invoke His own mercies, and showed the way of the Savior. **Hebrews 9:22**
- This same God who from His own goodness and generosity gave life to the cosmos, to the earth, and to every living thing on the planet- was then forced to slaughter an animal. – **Gen. 3:21**

- He killed it, and gutted it, and cleaned the skins – all to cover the sin-state of Adam and Eve.
- “I’m only human...” No, you were made holy in the image of God. Wicked rebellion has made you and me a fallen being, destined for destruction.
- If man is not sinful, then there is no Gospel. - progressivism

3. Jesus is the Savior

- When we were lost, Jesus volunteered! – **Heb. 10:5**
- The power of His resurrection- since man cannot redeem himself, and is incapable of working himself out of the sin-state, another had to do it. “It is finished” the completed work of the cross. – **Romans 10:9-10**
- “You must be born again...” – **John 3:3**
- “the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe” – **Eph. 1:19**
- “I am the way, the truth, the life” – **John 14:6**
- If Jesus’ sacrifice is not perfectly completed – once and for all, then there is no Gospel. – **Heb. 10:8-29**
- All the benefits of the New Covenant are made the more precious when contrasting the holiness of God and man’s sin: healing, peace, prosperity, access to the Father, protection, purpose, wisdom...
- The ministry of reconciliation is the most honorable endowment anyone can fathom. The angels can’t do it, the saints can’t do it. This gospel is entrusted to us.
- The infilling of the Holy Spirit: for intimacy with the Father, for victorious living on the earth, and for effective witness and ministry among the lost- is so generous. – **Heb. 10:16**

SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

Recognize God as holy – 1 Peter 1:15-16

- In how you spend your time
- In which relationships you invest
- In the thoughts that you sow – **2 Cor. 10:5**
- In the words that you speak
- In how you behave towards others: thought, word, & deed
- In what you spend your money on
- In how you use the things you have
- In how you give- the tithe is holy – **Leviticus 27:30**

Conclusion:

Be holy:

1. Be saved
2. Be transformed
3. Be filled
4. Be evangelists