

The Rhythm of Gospel Living

[Phl 2:8-10 ESV] 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

I. Intro

A. What is the Gospel?

1. Jesus died for you on the cross as the sacrifice for sin.
2. Jesus was raised from the dead, showing power over the grave
3. We can trust in that truth and no other truth to find salvation, and experience eternal life with Christ.

B. The Gospel is the truth that you cannot save yourself, but you don't have to.

C. The Gospel is the message of hope to a world that needs.

D. The Gospel brings

1. peace, and division, unity and conflict
2. [Luk 12:49-53 ESV] 49 "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
3. [2Co 2:14-17 ESV] 14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. 15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

E. Gospel Living will be marked by victories and challenges, but blessings from God in the midst of it all.

II. Text

A. And being found in human form:

1. Jesus was a man, physical in every way, but without sin
2. The humanity of Christ is a theological truth that many have struggled with and fallen into heresy.

B. Humbled himself:

1. Humility marked his existence
2. Humble in birth: born in a barn, not a palace
3. Humble in family: born into a working class family, not earthly royalty
4. Humble in life: nothing remarkable about his appearance
5. Humble in His circle: surrounded Himself with regular folks of all walks of life
6. Humble in leadership: teaching gently to the ones outcast, hard teaching to the influential, yet did not break from the plan.
7. Humble in death: capital punishment reserved for the worst of humanity, He took it, chose it, gave Himself as the ransom for many.

C. Obedient in death:

1. God became flesh and dwelt among us, and fulfilled His plan.
2. He is the only one that could have accomplished such a task.
3. The law was never intended to save, it has always been the plan that salvation is by grace.

D. Death on the cross:

1. The cross changed everything
2. The physical, literal death of Jesus on the cross was necessary because sacrifice was to be made in order for humanity to be saved
3. And there was no other sacrifice able to accomplish this task, only Jesus!

III. Points

A. The Rhythm of Gospel Living

1. Your life, in rhythm with the expectation from God, is to reflect His glory through the proclamation of the gospel from your life:
 - a) Your life actions proclaim the gospel
 - b) Your words proclaim the gospel
 - c) Your finances support the gospel
 - d) Your energy is given to the gospel
2. Compartmental Lifestyle:
 - a) Compartments:
 - (1) Church Compartment
 - (2) Work Compartment
 - (3) Leisure Compartment
 - (4) Relaxation Compartment
 - (5) Other...
 - b) When you are in rhythm to gospel living...each of these compartments are about the gospel!
 - (1) The saving knowledge of Jesus proclaimed through it all.
 - (2) The way you walk declares your gospel beliefs.
 - (3) You walk what you believe
3. [Rom 10:5-13 ESV] 5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

B. The Rhythm of Gospel Proclamation

1. Proclamation is a key element of a gospel rhythm.
2. Hearing through proclamation:
 - a) [Rom 10:14-17 ESV] 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
 - b) Hearing speaks to something deeper than auditory connection with sound waves
 - c) Hearing speaks to a connection being made from the truth of God's word to the heart of man. Understanding.
3. People need to hear the gospel.
4. People need to hear the gospel from you!

5. People need to see the gospel as well, actions and words need to match in order to be in rhythm.

C. The Rhythm of Gospel Mission

1. Your mission is before you.
2. Your mission is given you by God.
3. Your mission is:
 - a) To serve where you are planted
 - b) To serve for the purpose of the gospel
 - c) To go to the place you are sent to serve
 - d) To live the gospel
 - e) To speak the gospel
 - f) To teach the gospel
 - g) To consistently STAY ON MISSION
4. The gospel is our message, and it is for all of us to proclaim.
5. Who have you shared your faith with?
6. Who is God putting on your heart?
 - a) Don't dismiss that thought
 - b) You are being called to share
 - c) You are being made aware of your ministry responsibility.
 - d) You don't have to come up with a new story
 - e) And you are not responsible for the results.
7. Love WELL
8. Serve LONG
9. Proclaim OFTEN
10. Live ALWAYS

IV. Close