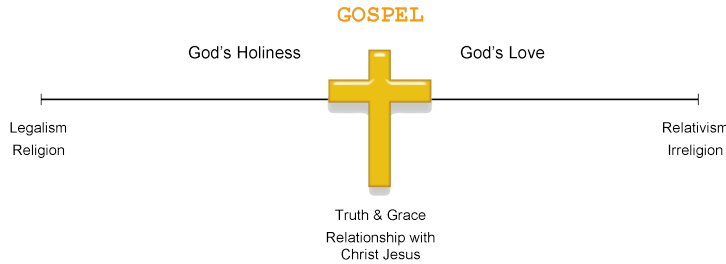


The Gospel Is About Receiving, Not Earning

EVANGELIUM #3 - Pastor Gary Combs – April 14, 2013 – Ephesians 2:1-10

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (ESV) 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



Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV) ¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL IS ABOUT RECEIVING NOT EARNING BECAUSE...

1. Only God's free gift of salvation _____ . (Justification)

Romans 3:23-25 (ESV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 6:23 (ESV) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Only God's free gift of salvation _____ . (Sanctification)

Colossians 2:6 (ESV) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:5, 12-14 (ESV) Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry... Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, ... And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

3. Only God's free gift of salvation _____ . (Glorification)

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Colossians 3:3-4 (ESV) For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.