

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, January 14, 2024



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **THE GOSPEL**
Galatians 1:6-12
Pastor Gary Stump

What if we have a limited idea of the Gospel? What if the way we think of the Gospel and share the Gospel is way too much like that "Get out of jail free" card?

The purpose of the book of Galatians is Paul's defense of the Gospel!

*Galatians 1:6–12 (ESV) I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different **gospel**—⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the **gospel** of Christ.⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a **gospel** contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a **gospel** contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the **gospel** that was preached by me is not man's **gospel**.¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

"**Gospel**" (*euangelion*) = good message; (*euangelidzo*) = to proclaim the good news.

Is there a different Gospel?

Gospel according to **Thomas Alexander** 1812 Church of Christ

Must believe in Jesus + be baptized

Gospel according to **Joseph Smith** 1830 Mormons

Must believe in Jesus (a man) + works

Gospel according to **Charles Taze Russell** 1879 Jehovah's Witnesses

Must believe in Jesus (Michael the Archangel) + works + obedience

Gospel according to **John Schaepe** 1913 Oneness Pentecostalism

Must believe in Jesus + speak in tongues

Gospel according to the **Judaizers** A.D.46

Must believe in Jesus + be circumcised and keep the Mosaic Law

Christ + Anything = Nothing Christ + Nothing = Everything
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Judaize (*λουδαϊζω*) = Jewish itinerate evangelists insisted Gentile followers of Jesus must practice Jewish patterns of behavior (including being circumcised) and to live as a Jew, (i.e., to practice Judaism). (used only in Gal. 2:14)

*Philippians 3:2 (NLT) Watch out for those **dogs**, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.*

*Galatians 1:9b (ESV) If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be **accursed**.*

"**Accursed**" (*anathema*; *ἀνάθεμα*) = expressed as a desire or wish; devoting someone to destruction in eternal hell; eternal condemnation.

No other Gospel

Acts 4:12 (ESV) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

What makes you a child of God?

John 1:12 (NKJV) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

When the Bible says saved, what are you saved from?

Acts 16:31 (NKJV) So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Saved from: condemnation; eternal death; separation from God

*Romans 5:9 (NIV84) Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be **saved from** God's wrath through him!*

Saved to: eternal life—**Eternal Life defined by Jesus**

John 17:3 (ESV) "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

"Know" (γινώσκω) = know, learn, be familiar with, understand, acknowledge, have sexual intercourse.

What causes you to be counted as righteous before God?

Romans 4:5 (NLT) But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

What can't you do because you have been saved by grace?

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV84) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

As a believer, what can never happen to you?

John 5:24 (NIV84) "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

How secure are you in God's hand?

John 10:27–29 (NLT) "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand."

From what can you never be separated?

Romans 8:38–39 (NLT) And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do you know whether or not you have eternal life?

1 John 5:11–13 (NIV84) And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Yes No I'm Not Sure

WHY IS THE GOSPEL GOOD NEWS?

Peace with God

Romans 5:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace of God

Philippians 4:7 (ESV) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Eternal Rest (from trying to be good enough)

Hebrews 4:10 (ESV) *for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.*

Inexpressible joy

1 Peter 1:8b (ESV) *Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,*

Comfort when hurting

2 Corinthians 1:3 (ESV) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.*

His abiding presence

Matthew 28:20b (ESV) *“Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Purpose for life

Psalms 138:8a (ESV) *The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

Living hope

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

SO WHAT? Are you certain you are saved?

Romans 10:9 (NLT) *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.*

Have you confessed Jesus as your Lord? Yes No I'm Not Sure

Do you believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead? Yes No I'm Not Sure

If you answered "yes" to both questions, what does this passage say is your condition? _____

What is your response to the Gospel? 1. Faith; 2. Gratitude; 3. Mission

1 Timothy 1:12–14 (NLT) *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him,¹³ even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief.¹⁴ Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.*

The Lord’s Supper is a reminder of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NLT) *For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.*

CLOSING BLESSING

Romans 16:25–27 (ESV) *Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.*



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

1. ONWARD MARRIAGE RETREAT 2024—February 24-25 at the Brown County Inn, Nashville, Indiana. Speaker: Matthew A. Vander Wiele, Ed.D. 40 rooms available for limited time. Double Queen Rooms @ \$130 + tax; King Rooms @ \$140 + tax; Rooms will be held until 1/24/24. Please call to reserve rooms at the Inn at 1-800-772-5249 or online ~ www.browncountyinn.com. Must give **Promo Code 0973**.

2. SERVE ON HOST TEAM— We are recruiting new members to our Host Team who provide the loving welcome of people who gather for service each Sunday. Show up 15 minutes early to pass out prayer cards and bulletins as you greet people, then pass the collection baskets during the offering time. Note on your Prayer Card if you are willing to serve. Thank you.

3. YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT—6-8pm. Dinner provided \$3/ student.

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDIES RESUMES JANUARY 17th & 18th—studying 1 & 2 Timothy (two study options):

- Wednesdays, 9:30am at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers)
- Thursdays, 7pm at Lynda North's house (9929 Brightwater Dr., Fishers)

5. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES EACH FRIDAY AT 7AM

6. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

7. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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