

THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

ROM 3:23-24; MATT 4:17; 1 JN 4:19; ROM 8:14-16

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PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

MAIN POINT

The gospel changes everything about the way we live.

INTRODUCTION

Name one piece of advice you received from a parent or other authority figure growing up that has stuck with you and been a help in daily life.

Do you feel that the gospel applies to the “nitty-gritty” of your life? Why or why not?

UNDERSTANDING

> READ ROMANS 3:23-24(ESV).

What key points of the gospel are clear in these two verses?

“Preach the gospel to yourself daily” is a common piece of advice for believers. What do you understand that statement to mean?

How might reminding yourself daily that you are a sinner saved by grace grow your love for God and your joy in the gospel?

What is the danger in reducing the Bible to a guidebook for life instead of a means to know God? Explain.

READ MATTHEW 4:17 (ESV).

What message did Jesus preach as He began His ministry?

How closely should our message mirror His? What hesitation do you have to proclaim this message yourself?

What did Jesus mean when He said, “The kingdom of heaven has come near”? How was Jesus’ message both one of judgment and hope?

Why should people who have trusted in the gospel regularly repent?

Why might continual repentance be an unpopular idea today?

READ 1 JOHN 4:19 (ESV).

How does knowing that God loves us lead us to love Him and feel accepted by Him?

What is it that causes us to seek approval through rule following? How is grace-driven effort entirely different from rule following?

READ ROMANS 8:14-16 (ESV).

According to these verses, who were we before salvation? How did Paul describe our relationship with God after salvation?

How does the Holy Spirit help us understand that we're loved by God? How does this knowledge help us live the gospel in our daily lives?

How does this change our motivation for obedience before God?

APPLICATION

Why is consistent Bible reading essential for gospel change?

Do you have a plan to spend dedicated time in the Scriptures each week? If not, who might be able to help you read the Bible?

How does gospel change in one's own life lead to a greater desire to share the gospel with others?

PRAY

Thank God that you don't have to try and earn anything from Him. Ask His Spirit to work through you so that all godliness may be manifested and others might see the image of Christ in you.

MEMORIZE

"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." —Romans 3:23-24