

Series: The Gifts of the Gospel

Part One: God Sent His Son to Show us His Love

Sunday December 3, 2017

1. If you had to articulate the gospel in **one word** – what word would that be?
2. Good news. Great joy. All people. Luke 2:10. THAT is the gospel!
3. If you were to choose **three words** to share the gospel – what would they be?
4. "Notice that Paul doesn't call us to embrace the reality that 'Jesus is Savior.' He tells us that when we embrace Jesus as Lord we get him as Savior as part of that package. Jesus is not just a means to an end, a ticket to get into heaven, or a way to 'get saved.' Rather, Jesus is our Leader, our Lover, our Lord here and now. And *that* is life changing while we live, not just life prolonging when we die (*Reunion*, p. 52).
5. The gospel in **thirty words**: Jesus is God with us, come to show us God's love, save us from sin, set up God's kingdom, shut down religion, so we can share in God's life.
6. How does God show us His love?
 - a. God shows us His love by default.
7. "All people, male and female, were made by God, in the image of God, to be like God, in relationship with God. As persons in loving relationships, we are to extend this reality throughout the world. Through us, God amplifies divine love into all creation. This is our origin, our purpose, and the context for everything that follows. This is who we are and why we're here" (*Reunion*, p. 27).
8. "*Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!*" (Isa. 49:15, NLT).
9. "*See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands*" (Isa. 49:16).
10. How does God show us His love?
 - b. God shows us His love through Jesus.
11. *You see, just at the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God **demonstrates** his **own** love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us* (Ro. 5:6-8).
12. How does God show us His love?
 - c. God shows us His love without bias.

13. How does God show us His love?

Recap:

1. By nature. It's who He is!
2. By instinct. Like a mother loves her child.
3. By dying on a cross.
4. By meeting our needs.
5. By loving us no matter what we've done.
6. By loving us no matter who we are.

14. Challenge: Memorize the 30 word gospel: Jesus is God with us, come to show us God's love, save us from sin, set up God's kingdom, shut down religion, so we can share in God's life.