

Christian Ambassador Training

The Gospel is Not – Week 5

Review

We are ambassadors *for Christ*. In the first week we talked about essentials for an ambassador: and those were...? Knowledge, Wisdom, and Character

As we study the needed knowledge of the ambassador for Christ, we broke it out into knowledge about our Sovereign, our Sovereign’s message, and those to whom we are called to be ambassadors (the culture).

I. His Message (*Mark 1:14-15*)

- A. “Repent and believe” is the consistent call of Jesus and his followers.
- B. Believe what? ...

II. The Gospel is Not¹

- A. The Gospel is not that salvation is _____.

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Easy Believism (Rom 10:9)

- Repeat a prayer (and be as sincere as you can).
- Quickly follow it up with an assurance of salvation....

Joel Osteen clip²

- Actually, it is _____. (Mark 10:23-27; John 6:44)

The sooner we understand that salvation is impossible with man, the sooner we will stop trying to accomplish it by human means (salesmanship or other manipulation).

Homework Question: Does Jesus command the impossible of people?

- B. The Gospel is not that Jesus can make your life _____ or _____ a better _____.
- #1 idol today “ _____ ”

Rather, we should count the cost. (Matt 10:38-39; 2 Tim 3:12; James 1:2)

... and it is a radical transformation. (2 Cor 5:17)

¹ Much of this list from the wonderful brothers at 9Marks ministries-- under Mark 3--The Gospel.

² Joel Osteen - Message #497 - "Knowing What to Ignore" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3yC-9tbtOM>). What you see is an excerpt from the end of the message and is repeated almost identically every broadcast.

C. The Gospel is not that we are OK. (Col 2:13-14; Eph 2:1-5; John 3:3;)

- In fact, by nature, we are _____, and we are in _____!
- John 3
- Romans 1
- Romans 2
- Ephesians 2
- Ephesians 5
- Colossians 3
- 1 Thessalonians 1

D. The Gospel is not simply that God is love (1 John 4:8; Exodus 34:6-7--“Riddle of the OT”).

E. The Gospel is not simply that Jesus wants to be our friend or example.

Breakout Exercise --Fruit of a False Gospel

The most terrifying verses in Scripture:

^{ESV} **Matthew 7:21-23** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

1. How are the truly regenerate discernable?
2. Is the “Lord, Lord...” crowd *surprised*?
 - How could people be surprised like this?
3. Are these false converts few in number? *Is that sobering?*
4. How did they become false converts?
 - Who will be held responsible?
5. Talk about the importance of discerning the true Gospel from the false.
 - Aspirations of leadership? How might you count the cost?