

# Christian Ambassador Training

## The Gospel Is – Week 5

<sup>ESV</sup> **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Discussion I* --“Would/Did Jesus command people to do what they could not possibly do?”

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ commanded the impossible
- And then what? ... \_\_\_\_\_

Review: (*filling in some missed notes*)

- Our Sovereign: Holy--The \_\_\_\_\_ attribute of God.
- His Call: Repent and Believe What? -- What the Gospel Isn't (*focus: two abused texts*)  
(*refs. Matt 7:21-23; Luther's Thesis #1; 1 John 1:9; 2:19; 2 Cor 13*)
  - The Gospel is not an \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Romans 10:9** ... if you confess with your mouth ... you will be saved.

- The Gospel is not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

*Context:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Addressed to:* \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rev. 3:22*)

*Our Sovereign--*

***Exercise/Discussion II – What the Gospel Is*** --“Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins”

Do you understand how absurd/nonsensical that sounds? (1 Cor 1:18)

Video: Listen for Key Themes:

- Holiness
- Justice
- Sin
- Love
- Substitution (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)
- Repentance
- Belief/Faith

***Thabiti Anyabwile video***

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_JY5LYdMNC&feature=Playlist&p=31321B03B3E7EF89&index=15](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_JY5LYdMNC&feature=Playlist&p=31321B03B3E7EF89&index=15)

***Mark Dever video***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fp5cR5Bd7M&feature=related>

***Exercise/Discussion III – Ambassador’s Application***

- *How is a sinner reconciled to God?*
- *What is the sinner’s part?*
- *How does the sinner do it?*  
(other refs. Col 2:13-14; Eph 2:1-5; Mar 10:23-27; John 6:37)

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 6:44** No one **can** come to me unless the Father who sent me **draws** him. And I will raise him up on the last day. **[emphasis added]**

<1410> δύναμαι *dunamai* - \_\_\_\_\_

- Is God commanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners?! (ref.ex. I ...**and then what?**)

Repentance is \_\_\_\_\_ by God (2 Tim 2:24-25; Acts 11:18)

Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ by God -- “come to me” = *believing trust/faith*

John 6: \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Son

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 6:37** All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever<sup>1</sup> comes to me I will never cast out.

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<1670> ἔλκω *helko* -- \_\_\_\_\_

Every appearance of *helko* in the NT: John 18:10, John 21:6, John 21:11, Acts 16:19, Acts 21:30, James 2:6, John 12:32 (cf. Jn 10:16;11:52)

As ambassadors, we must understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the call to repent and believe the gospel. It is \_\_\_\_\_ with man.

Implications:

- Knowing that salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ helps us to trust God to His ability/fidelity rather than our techniques.
- We are not free \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility to proclaim the gospel; we are free \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim it, knowing that it is God who grants repentance and draws people to himself and we are his chosen instruments “God making his appeal through us”

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Recommended Resources

**Substance of the Gospel:**

*Putting Amazing Back into Grace: Embracing the Heart of the Gospel* by Mike Horton  
*Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever (specifically the third mark)

**Nature of the Gospel Call:**

*The God Who Justifies and Drawn by the Father* by James White  
*Chosen by God* by R.C. Sproul  
*Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* by J. I. Packer

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<sup>1</sup> **What About All the Whosoever Verses?** There are a number of texts that equate “those who believe” with “those who are saved” and they give us great comfort in God’s promise to save. What do these texts say about *how* people come to believe? E.g. John 3:16; Romans 10:13; John 6:37 ...