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“What’s So Great about the Gospel?”

Scripture: Romans 5:6-11

Memory Verse: Romans 5:9

Introduction

- A. We exist to glorify God by making disciples THROUGH THE GOSPEL, in community, on mission.**
- B. Big Question: What’s so great about the gospel?**

I. The Gospel Satisfies the Greatest Need (5:6)

- A. Romans 1:16-20**
- B. Romans 3:9-26**
- C. For God to be God he must punish every sin.**
- D. Your greatest need is defined by your sin.**
- E. Your greatest need is to be righteous before a holy God.**

II. The Gospel Demonstrates the Greatest Love (5:7-8)

- A. Without “but God” there is no gospel.**
- B. Human sacrificial love is contrasted with God’s sacrificial love.**
- C. Humans may show their love for other people but God shows his love for evil and wicked people by having Christ die for them.**

III. The Gospel Extinguishes the Greatest Threat (5:9)

- A. 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**
- B. John 3:18**
- C. John 3:36**

IV. The Gospel Resolves the Greatest Conflict (5:10)

- A. “Reconciliation means primarily a change in the relationship existing between God and man, and man and God. It is a change in God’s attitude towards us before it leads to a change in our attitude towards God. Reconciliation starts with God’s attitude towards us” (Martyn Lloyd-Jones).**
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:10**

V. The Gospel Provokes the Greatest Response (5:11)

- A. Rejoice—overflow with gladness, jump and down with happiness, spew forth joy**
- B. God is the focus of our joy.**

Conclusion

- A. Big Idea: The gospel is great because it is the message of how God saves sinners and reconciles with his enemies.
- B. Be reconciled with God.
- C. The Gospel Definition
- D. We remember the body and blood of Christ as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.