

The Gospel In Action

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

~John 3:16-18 (ESV)

1) What is the Gospel: A recap

A) John 3:16-18

- Its source is God
- Its motivation is Love
- It is expressed through generosity and sacrifice
- It is offered to all
- It is the “Good News” that solves the problem of the “bad news”
- It requires a response
- It results in Life, true Life
- It is a response to a true and terrifying crisis

B) All of this information about the Gospel begins to give it shape. Like an artist laying down tone, shade, texture, and color, it begins to help us understand and see what the Gospel is. Christ is the embodiment of “The Gospel.”

- His Birth, life, death, resurrection, and ongoing work through the Holy Spirit is the Gospel.

2) A Question: Why are we ashamed of this Gospel?

A) Romans 1:16

- What does it mean to be ashamed of the Gospel?
 1. Do we dress it up to make it acceptable?
Is it an ugly thing or a bland meal that needs spice to make it palatable?
 2. Do we try to make it relevant because we don't believe that it has the power to change people?
Are the true elements of the Gospel so irrelevant that we feel they cannot meet the needs of people today?

3) Let's see it in action

A) Acts 3,4

- By what power?
Acts 4:8: Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit...
- Who does God use to express His Gospel?
Acts 4:13: Uneducated, common men...