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The Demands of the Gospel: Embracing A New Identity

(Titus 2:11-14; Gal 2:1-21)
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Sermon Notes

TWO MISUNDERSTANDINGS

One problem is failing to see where the Gospel S_____. The gospel starts with Jesus Christ, based on what He accomplished, which is why salvation is by grace through faith (Eph 2:6-9; Titus 3:3-7).

A second problem is failing to see where the Gospel L_____. The gospel leads to changed lives by His Spirit (Eph 2:10; Titus 3:8; Titus 2:11-14), which is why judgment takes our works into account (Matt 16:27; Rev 2:23).

“The Gospel that is all about God at work in Christ is still a story about God at work in Christ when Christ moves into your life.”

This is why the Bible says we can O_____ the gospel (1 Pet 4:17; Rom 10:16) or W_____ in step with (according to the truth of) the Gospel (Gal 2:14).

Dallas Willard: “The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to L_____ in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die.”

TWO IMPROPER MOTIVATIONS

Two improper motivations are F_____ and P_____. These can restrain the heart, but they cannot C_____ the heart.

Tim Keller: “Instead of trying to bend ourselves and others into conformity with Christ, the gospel M_____ people into conformity with Christ.” (See Eph 5:25-33; 1 Pet 3:1).

GOSPEL-CENTERED CHANGE

List some examples where the gospel provides a better lens than works-based fear or self-centered pride.

Answers: Starts; Leads; Obeys; Walks; Live; Fear; Pride; Changes; Melts