



Colossians: Week 3 – The Gospel Defined

The gospel is what sets Christianity apart from every other religion, but it's more than simply being saved from our sins. The Kingdom gospel is that we've been brought into a right relationship with God by his sacrifice which not only gives us hope for the future, but peace for the present when we surrender to him as Lord and King.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your understanding of the gospel? If someone were to ask you to define the gospel, how would you explain it?
2. Shawn mentioned a few "different gospels," such as the "Forgiveness Only Gospel," the "Prosperity Gospel," and the "Doctrinal Purity Gospel." Have you encountered any of these versions in your own faith journey or in the wider Christian community? What are your thoughts about these different gospels?
3. Read **Colossians 1:19-23**. Paul says that reconciliation came through Jesus' physical body and His death on the cross. What is the significance of Jesus' physical body in the process of reconciliation, and how does His death achieve this? What does the cross convey to us about God?
4. Paul uses the terms "holy," "faultless," and "blameless" to describe those who have been reconciled through Jesus. What does this description imply about the impact of reconciliation on our relationship with God? Do you see yourself standing before God in this way? Explain.
5. According to verse 23, remaining "grounded and steadfast in the faith" is crucial. Why do you think this is important? How can we ensure that our faith remains strong and unwavering, especially in the face of difficult circumstances?
6. What does the Kingdom Gospel mean for our past, present, and future and what does it ultimately require of us?