

20th Century Gospel

Unfortunately the church has watered down the gospel in order to attract more people.

- Love, Joy, Peace, Happiness, Just accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Say this simple prayer and mean it.
- Lack of Commitment from new believers created backsliders.

Ray Comfort's ministry in US

- Frustration with backsliders. 80% all initial decisions for Christ could not be found the following year. 294,000 Decisions, 14,000 still faithful.
- Studied great evangelist of the past, Charles Finney, John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, AB Earl. And found all had a conviction of using the Law to reach sinners.

Our Problem, Spent years presenting the solution, without providing a clear understanding of the crime being committed.

- Like throwing a life preserver to a very good swimmer.
- They are making sin look like a traffic violation
- We must tell people what they have done wrong first.

What's the purpose of the law?

- Law brings an awareness of sin, Rom 7:7
- God's righteous nature is relieved.
- God's given us his law to bring sinners into repentance. 1 Tim 1:8
- Leads us to Christ Gal 3:24
- The law of the Lord is perfect in converting souls. Ps 19:7

We need a clear understanding of Gods Righteous Judgment

Ps 97:2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

- The issue is righteousness, Everyone will be treated fairly. 2 Peter 4-10
- It is committed once unto every man to die once and after that to face judgment. Heb 9:27
- He will take every deed, and judge every thought, comparing it to his righteous law.
- If God is a good judge, Sin will be punished.
- Law shows the sinner that he/she deserves Hell.

Provide right motivation behind accepting Christ. Only the blood of Jesus can keep you out of Hell. Everyone is going to Hell without Him.

Give Law to Proud, Grace to Humble

Jesus gave the Law to the proud: Expert in Law Luke 10:25-29, Rich Ruler Luke 14:

Jesus used grace for the Humble. Adulterous Woman, Woman at the well John 4:17-26

All shall stand condemned and every mouth silenced. Rom 3:19

God's Measuring Rod

10 Cannons of Gods Law Ex. 20

Law makes the fact of Hell very reasonable. We are receiving the wages from our sin.

When speaking to People, use specific sins, Talking in general terms will not produce results.

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Jesus preached the Law to the Proud and Grace to the Humble.

We need to ask the Holy Spirit for discern and communicate the proper message.

The Gospel

Heb. 4:12-13 For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double edged sword, it penetrates even dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him whom we must give account.

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I YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

The Lord will accept no other position than being number **One** in our life. Nothing else can come before him.

Luke 10:27 Jesus said "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind." He said this as he was talking to a teacher of the law.

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes after me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life, he can not be my disciple.

Here in the US we have been more in love with the creation than the creator.

II YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY CARVED IMAGE.

Israel and Golden Calves / *Kings 12:28-32*, Caused the fall of Jerusalem

Hindu Religion, 10's of thousands of Gods

Catholics bow down to mother Mary.

Romans 1:25 Speaks of those who "changed the truth of God into a lie" in order to make a god that fits their belief.

III YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN, FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTLESS WHO TAKES HIS NAME IN VAIN.

Mat 12:36 Jesus said "For every idle word men speak, they will give account of it on the day of judgment."

Blasphemy – 1. the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. 2. Irreverence toward something considered sacred or holy.

When we use His name in vain we are taking the name that is above every other name and using it as a four-letter filth word.

IV REMEMBER THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY.

I used to think it was just going the church and not working, but it's more than that. God commands our worship. He is the giver of gifts and abilities.

It's us bowing down before the Lord and asking what he requires of us.

V HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.

This is the first commandment with a promise. Therefore if broken not all will be well with you and your length of days will be shortened.

Deut 21:18-21 Rebellious children were stoned.

VI YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.

1 John 3:15 "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

Mat. 5:21-22 Jesus said "You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder," and whoever murders will be in the danger of judgment. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without cause shall be in danger of judgment. And whoever says to his brother "Raca" shall be in danger of the council, but whoever says "You Fool" shall be in the danger of hell's fire."

VII YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

Mat 5:8 Jesus said "whoever looks to a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart"

1 Cor 6:9 Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offender nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God

VIII YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

How many things do you need to steal to become a thief?

Mal. 3:8-9 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me! But you say "In what way have we robbed you?" In tithes and offerings.

James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and doesn't do it, to him it is sin.

IX YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Bearing false witness is most commonly known as lying or perhaps telling a fib. Who can say that they have never lied. If they do they're lying.

Rev. 21:8 "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone."

X YOU SHALL NOT COVET.

This means not to be greedy or materialistic.

1 Tim 6:68 "...having food and clothing, with these we shall be content..."

We could never pay the price that our sin demands

For the wages of sin is death

But thanks be to God!!!, Jesus paid the price by hanging on a cross.

Now we see the need for a savior

We preach Christ crucified.

The Lord showed us His love and righteous judgment when he sent Jesus to the cross.

Repent and put your trust in the Lord.

Believe that the Blood of the Lord is a sufficient price for your sins.

Make Jesus #1, Lord

Rejoice!!! Rejoice !!! Rejoice !!!

A Righteousness From God

Rom 1:17 For in the Gospel a righteousness from God has been revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The Righteous will live by faith".

The Law brings and awareness if sin

The Christians living in Rome were righteous in their own eyes. They had the Law and followed it as best they could. They were trusting that the good deeds would out weight the bad, and hoping to be good enough for God. Rom 2:17 through 3:20.

The problem is, we will never be good enough to be with God on our own merits. God is Holy and cannot dwell or fellowship with sin. Rom 3:20 states that "no one will be declared righteous in His site by observing the law."

Imputed Righteousness, through Faith

But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, Rom 3:21. There is a righteousness imputed (credited) to us that is not our own. It's the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The sinless lamb of God.

Impute: To credit to a person's account

Our redemption came by the cross through Jesus Christ.

Redeem: 1. To buy back or repurchase, to get or win back. 2. To free from captivity by payment of ransom. 3. To release from blame or debt. (the wages of sin is death)

Jesus was a sacrifice of atonement. The reconciliation of God and man was achieved as God saw the blood of Jesus as an atonement, paying the penalty of sin for us. The blood of Jesus had to meet all the righteous requirements of the law. Heb 8:22

Faith: To trust in, believe in, to cling to. Faith requires a person or object to believe upon.

Rom 4: Abraham was saved by faith because he was fully persuaded that God had to do what He had promised. He believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

From the beginning of time it has always been God's plan to bring us into a saving relationship through faith in God.

Repentance is the Key

The Lord wants to change us from the inside out. He shows us how we fall short, not because He wants to burden us, but because He loves us and wants to free us from the captivity of sin. As he shows us our sin the proper response is normally to confess and repent of our sins so God can clear the slate and release us from our captivity. He has promised us in 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins". He also said "He will remember our sins no more" (Heb. 8:12).

The devil will accuse you of sin. He's probably right. Plead the Blood of Jesus and repent of the sin that just came into your mind, past or present.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice !!!

Believe in Jesus

Believe that Jesus is who he said he was, the Christ. He died for our sins but he rose again that we might have Life. Jesus is alive. He sent the Holy Spirit to be our councilor, teacher, and comforter.

Is Jesus your Lord?

Thy kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord: Complete owner, absolute master, He who has claim to unrestricted obedience.

The bible mentions Jesus as "**savior**" 37 times, as "**Lord**" 7,736 times.

He said I desire obedience not sacrifice.

Jesus said "Pickup your cross and follow me".

Faith in God is saying, "God I am trusting you to make the changes in my life that I cannot make. Change my heart as I learn to follow you".

Imagine building a relationship with the God of this universe. Walking into the Holy of Holies and bowing before Him. What a great honor. He said "If you believe in Me you will have life and life more abundantly".