SHARING CHRIST WITH CONFIDENCE PART 1

14 BUT HOW CAN THEY CALL ON HIM TO SAVE THEM UNLESS THEY BELIEVE IN HIM? AND HOW CAN THEY BELIEVE IN HIM IF THEY HAVE **NEVER HEARD ABOUT HIM? AND** HOW CAN THEY HEAR ABOUT HIM UNLESS SOMEONE TELLS THEM?

ROMANS 10:14-15 NLT

15 AND HOW WILL ANYONE GO AND TELL THEM WITHOUT BEING SENT? THAT IS WHY THE SCRIPTURES SAY, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF MESSENGERS WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!"

ROMANS 10:14-15 NLT

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

6 I AM SHOCKED THAT YOU ARE TURNING AWAY SO SOON FROM GOD, WHO CALLED YOU TO HIMSELF THROUGH THE LOVING MERCY OF CHRIST. YOU ARE FOLLOWING A DIFFERENT WAY THAT PRETENDS TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

GALATIANS 1:6-7 NLT

7 BUT IS NOT THE GOOD NEWS AT ALL. YOU ARE BEING FOOLED BY THOSE WHO DELIBERATELY TWIST THE TRUTH CONCERNING CHRIST.

GALATIANS 1:6-7 NLT

DISTORTED GOSPELS

MORALISTIC GOSPEL: DEPENDENT ON YOUR ABILITY TO DO GOOD THINGS

RELIGIOUS GOSPEL: DEPENDENT ON YOUR ABILITY TO FOLLOW SACRAMENTS

UNIVERSALIST GOSPEL: NO FAITH NEEDED, ALL PEOPLE ARE SAVED BECAUSE OF THE CROSS

REPENTANCE FREE GOSPEL: GOD FORGIVES SO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT

16 FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK.

ROMANS 1:16 ESV

CREATION GOD CREATED US IMAGO DEI

GOD MADE US TO KNOW HIM, REFLECT HIS IMAGE, AND LIVE FOR HIS GLORY.

IMAGO DEI

YOU ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD— CREATED FOR ETERNITY, WITH INHERENT DIGNITY, VALUE, AND PURPOSE, DESIGNED TO REFLECT HIM IN CHARACTER, CREATIVITY, AND RELATIONSHIPS.

SO GOD CREATED HUMAN BEINGS IN HIS OWN IMAGE. IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED THEM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

GENESIS 1:27 NLT

FALL OUR SIN SEPARATES US HOLINESS JUSTICE

SIN DISRUPTS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND CARRIES CONSEQUENCES BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY AND JUST.

HOLINESS

GOD'S PERFECT, PURE, SET-APART NATURE

BUT YOU ARE PURE AND <u>CANNOT</u> STAND THE SIGHT OF EVIL.

HABAKKUK 1:13 NLT

JUSTICE

GOD MUST RIGHTLY ADDRESS SIN

BUT THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES WILL BE EXALTED BY HIS JUSTICE. THE HOLINESS OF GOD WILL BE DISPLAYED BY HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

ISAIAH 5:16 NLT

FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

ROMANS 6:23 NLT

REDEMPTION JESUS CAME TO SAVE US SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT REDEMPTION

JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION RESTORES WHAT WAS LOST IN THE FALL.

SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

JESUS DIED IN OUR PLACE

FOR GOD MADE CHRIST, WHO NEVER SINNED, TO BE THE OFFERING FOR OUR SIN, SO THAT WE COULD BE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NLT

REDEMPTION

WE ARE BOUGHT BACK FROM SLAVERY TO SIN

HE IS SO RICH IN KINDNESS AND GRACE THAT HE PURCHASED OUR FREEDOM WITH THE BLOOD OF HIS SON AND FORGAVE OUR SINS.

EPHESIANS 1:7 NLT

RESPONSE WE MUST DECIDE TO FOLLOW JESUS

JUSTIFICATION ADOPTION

FAITH AND REPENTANCE ARE NECESSARY; SALVATION REQUIRES A PERSONAL CHOICE.

BUT TO ALL WHO BELIEVED HIM AND ACCEPTED HIM, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.

JOHN 1:12 NLT

JUSTIFICATION

WHEN YOU ACCEPT JESUS, GOD ACCEPTS YOU AS IF YOU HAVE NEVER SINNED

THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD HAS DONE FOR US.

ROMANS 5:1 NLT

ADOPTION

WHEN YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS, GOD WELCOMES YOU INTO HIS FAMILY AS HIS CHILD

15 SO YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SPIRIT THAT MAKES YOU FEARFUL SLAVES. INSTEAD, YOU RECEIVED GOD'S SPIRIT WHEN HE ADOPTED YOU AS HIS OWN CHILDREN. NOW WE CALL HIM, "ABBA, FATHER."

ROMANS 8:15 NLT

SPIRIT-EMPOWERMENT THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US LIVE FOR GOD

REGENERATION SANCTIFICATION EMPOWERMENT

THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMS, EQUIPS, AND EMPOWERS US FOR CHRIST-CENTERED LIVING.

REGENERATION

NEW BIRTH BY THE SPIRIT

JESUS REPLIED, "I ASSURE YOU, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITHOUT BEING BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT.

JOHN 3:5 NLT

SANCTIFICATION

ONGOING PROCESS OF BEING MADE HOLY

FOR GOD IS WORKING IN YOU, GIVING YOU THE DESIRE AND THE POWER TO DO WHAT PLEASES HIM.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13 NLT

YOU ARE MADE HOLY BY JESUS, AND YOU ARE MATURING IN HOLINESS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

EMPOWERMENT

SPIRIT-GIVEN STRENGTH AND POWER TO LIVE BOLDLY AND WITNESS FOR CHRIST

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU. AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES, TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ME EVERYWHERE—IN JERUSALEM, THROUGHOUT JUDEA, IN SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

ACTS 1:8 NLT

SO WHAT?

1. KNOW THE GOSPEL
2. RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL
3. GUARD THE GOSPEL
4. SHARE THE GOSPEL

...IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES... ROM. 1:16