

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? Follow, II

Luke 9:23-26

You have heard it said all fall, probably every Sunday morning, there is a lot of talk about the gospel - we are gospel driven; we are gospel centered - but actually very little talk about what it actually is. So, all this talk “about” the gospel has left many Christians thinking they are committed to the gospel and know the gospel, when they really don’t. It is critical that we understand the gospel and when we are asked, “What is the Gospel?”, we will be able to answer it.

Jesus calls us to surrender our whole life to him with the gospel. He tells those who desire to follow him very clearly what needs to happen. This morning, we are going to go a little deeper as it relates to what it means to follow Jesus. There are two applications we see in this passage of what it means to follow Jesus, according to the man himself.

I. WE MUST DENY OURSELVES

2 Corinthians 10:5 *“Such things that once were gains to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.”*

II. WE MUST PICK SOMETHING UP

1 John 5:1 *“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.”*

Jesus says, “Take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

Resources: *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer; *Calvin’s Commentaries: Vol XVII, John Calvin*; *Learning to Live & Love Like Jesus*, Brandon Cook; *The Gospel of John*, William Hendrickson; *The Gospel of Luke*, William Hendrickson; *Matthew Henry’s Commentary (Vol. 5); Conversion & Discipleship*, Bill Hull; *Expository Thoughts on Luke, Vol. 1*, J.C. Ryle

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Essential Elements of the Gospel:

1. _____ (Mark 1:14-15)
2. _____ (Mark 8:27-35)
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7. _____ (Mark 8:27-35)

The Gospel: *The Kingdom of God has come and is here. God's son, Jesus the Christ, gave himself as a sacrifice in his death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. He conquered death once and for all when he rose from the dead. Before he ascended to his eternal throne, He told us to join His Kingdom by repenting of our sins, believing in Him, and following Him.*