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TITLE: Embracing How and Why God Saves Us - Pt.1

A failure to embrace and consistently proclaim both the Power and the Purpose of the Gospel is what has led to such a deficit in discipleship in the Church. Let's change that.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about proclaiming the full Gospel...

- 1. The Power of the Gospel is what sets us free from sin and secures our relationship with God. It is through faith *alone* in Christ's completed work that we are set free from the penalty of sin; increasingly released from the power of sin in our life; and one day, removed from the presence of all sin and destruction. That is good news!
- 2. When by faith, we... Repent (our mind is made up that God is really God in my life) and Believe (accept that what God has said / done is true and sufficient), then we have the forgiveness of sins: Justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. We have new life by and in the Spirit: we were spiritually dead, but now we are alive in Christ by his Spirit!
- 3. To see where you might still be suffering from unbelief in regards to the fullness of the Gospel, and Christ's completed work, ask yourself these diagnostic questions:
  - Do you still believe you have to do more to be saved from God's wrath and loved as God's child?
  - When you work hard at religious activities, do you feel a little more loved and accepted by God?
  - Do you work tirelessly at your job in order to gain significance, status and provide security?
  - What happens when you disobey God do you live with guilt and shame? Do you beat yourself up endlessly? OR, do you go to the cross and receive the grace of the Gospel?

If you are being honest here, you probably have a little bit of unbelief in the Power of the Gospel still lurking in your heart. Ask the Spirit to reveal the truth so that you can increasingly live in light of the Good News!

In light of this topic, you may also enjoy: Gospel Fluency: A Relational Game-changer!

Thanks for listening... I'll see you in the next episode!

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