

# What's the Gospel?

What difference does it make?

**This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.**



In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.



For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesian 3:21-21



What does it mean to live a  
Gospel-Centered Life?



# THE GOSPEL IS NOT A TICKET

Religion produces **Competitors.**

The Gospel produces **Servants.**



## COMMON COMPLAINT

*“I just can't make time for meeting with God.  
I can't fit that into my busy life.”*





# ***Focused or Fragmented***

*“I've always been able to make time for what I value.”*



“Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.” Matthew 6:6

## ***Duty or Desire***

*“I always grow where my energy flows.”*



Duty says, “I obey, then I will be accepted.”

Gospel says, “I am so loved, I want please my beloved.”

## **Public or Private**

*“I always share what I’m excited about.”*



*“When they saw the courage [transformation] of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13*