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Much of the world had just finished celebrating the "good tidings" of Christmas 2004 when the bad news hit. One of the most destructive tsunamis in recorded history had swept across the ocean and carried away with it the lives of over 200,000 people.

But in the midst of all the lives lost came a story of at least some who were saved. One man from a village in the path of that tsunami was on a business trip in India when he heard about the quake that triggered it. Knowing the destruction that was headed for the people he loved, he desperately tried to reach someone in his little village by phone. Finally he reached someone and said, "I know you can't see it now, but there's a tsunami coming. Get everyone to high ground!"

While thousands of people from that area were swept away by that monster wave, every person in that village survived! Because of a single phone call. Because of a man who knew that he had news that their lives depended on.

So do we. It's called the Gospel. And, yes, lives and eternities depend on that message being delivered. Uncut. Unencumbered. Uncompromised.

That Life-Saving Message

He may have been the most passionate champion of God's Gospel who ever lived. The Apostle Paul. And he declared, 'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...' (Romans 1:16). God's great ambassador knew that when he was handling the Gospel, he was handling God's dynamite. The Greek word for power here is "dunamis" - the root of our word "dynamite." How appropriate! God's Good News has explosive power!

Paul told the Thessalonians, "We speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel..." (1 Thessalonians 2:4). God's Gospel is in our hands. It is life-saving information. So it's critical that we get the message right, and understand the power of what we're delivering.

God describes our divine assignment this way, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us..." (2 Corinthians 5:20). As Christ's ambassador, we have a life-or-death message from Him to deliver. That message is the Gospel.

God has given our lives amazing significance by summoning us to use our talents and influence

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for the greatest cause on the planet. And the responsibility for delivering that message to the people we know clearly rests on us.

Really Good News

We hear the word Gospel all the time - Gospel music, Gospel missions, a Prosperity Gospel, Full Gospel churches, and more. But for all our familiarity with “Gospel,” it’s surprising how much confusion there is about what that message really is. And because eternities depend on it, it’s desperately important that we get it right.

Euangelion (Gospel) is the Greek word “good news. Recently, I stood outside the room as our newest grandchild was coming into this world, waiting for news. Then it came: “It’s a boy! He’s healthy! He’s here!” That’s good news! I had *euangelion* that day.

Two thousand years ago, people associated the word *euangelion* with good news from a king or an emperor. For example, a messenger might declare, “I have good news! The King has just had a son!” It was a message from the King!

So what is God’s “good news” from the King? Many authors have offered up various definitions of “the Gospel.” But God has given us His own clear and concise definition - the only one that counts.

“...I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are

saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

In right around twenty-five words, Paul articulates a Holy-Spirit inspired, crystal-clear definition of the Gospel. This is the Gospel. Case closed.

The Gospel Is: Jesus

“Christ...” (1 Corinthians 15:3)

William Barclay, the noted historian and Bible commentator, says the word *euangelion*—the Gospel - is at “the very heart and center of the Christian faith.” Literally, the *euangelion* is the epicenter of everything Christian, and everything we base our life on.

Many people think that they are hearing the Gospel and they’re not. Many people think they are preaching the Gospel, and they’re not. Tragically, the Gospel is missing in many places where the Gospel should be. Even more tragically, nobody is even missing it.

Fundamentally, the Gospel is Jesus. It is not a belief system or a religion. The Gospel is a Person. That’s why Paul said he resolved to “...know nothing...except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Often when believers speak about spiritual things, I hear words like “God,” “faith” or “church.” It’s just really easy to talk about God, because nobody has a problem with God. “God” can mean just about whatever people want it to mean. What’s missing is the Name that makes all the difference. There’s no Gospel without Jesus. For “...there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). It really is all about Jesus.

The Gospel Is: “My Sin is That Bad”

“Christ died for our sins...” (1 Corinthians 15:3)

The Gospel is a message about Christ, about sin, about Christ’s death, about Christ’s resurrection.

It starts with the bad news that my sin is so bad that it took dying to pay for it - the death of God’s one and only Son. In a world that thinks sin is no big deal, you need to look at Jesus, butchered on a cross, to see how horrific sin really is. It took that cosmic sacrifice to deal with the enormity of my sin. Yes, my sin is that bad. Sin is every selfish or angry thing I ever did.

Sin is every word I’ve ever spoken that has hurt people, including the people I love. Sin is every dirty thought I have ever thought, every dirty thing I have ever done, every proud moment I have ever had.

I am one little blob of protoplasm on this one little planet among 100 billion galaxies. And I have dared to say to God, “I know everything obeys You, God. The universe obeys You, the

planets obey You, nature obeys You, demons obey You. But I will do what I want.” I shake my puny little fist from this tennis ball in the universe and say, “You will not be God. I will, thank You.” How dare I? Every human being has elevated himself above his Creator. I may be very religious, but I still think I am the boss. My sin is that bad.

To understand the good news, you have to have the bad news. The reason the good news is so good is because the bad news is so bad. I am in unspeakable trouble with the Sovereign of the universe because I have dared to hijack my life from the God who gave me my life.

Anything that purports to be the Gospel that ignores or minimizes the fatal problem of human sin is no Gospel at all.

The Gospel Is: “His Love Is That Big”

*“...Christ died for our sins...He was buried...”
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*

Yes, our sin is that bad - but the Gospel also declares that His love is that big. So big that Jesus was willing to take my eternal death penalty to pay for it! The very One I have shaken my fist at came and did the dying for the sinning I have done. Christ was mangled on a cross for what I did against Him. That is unspeakable love. “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son

as an atoning sacrifice for our sins” (1 John 4:9, 10).

How can you jam a crown of thorns into the forehead of the second Person of the Godhead? How do you drive spikes into the hands and feet of God Himself? How do you drive a spear into His side? How do you beat Him until He isn't recognized as a man? Only if He lets you. "...I lay down My life...no one takes it from Me..." (John 10:17-18). That's how much Jesus loves you.

What are the things of your life that you're most ashamed of, that if you could possibly go back and erase them from your personal history, you would? John Piper says, "God took the record of all your sins...that made you a debtor to wrath. Instead of holding them up in front of your face and using them as the warrant to send you to hell, He put them in the palm of His Son's hand and nailed them to the Cross...The demonic hosts have many weapons. But they are disarmed of the one weapon that can damn us - the weapon of unforgiven sin...Only unforgiven sin damns. And that was nailed to the Cross..."¹

If you were transported to heaven right now, you would hear millions of angels singing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain." They never get over it, because they can't. The Lamb of God, the Prince of Heaven - crucified. Yes, His love is that big.

Charles Spurgeon said, "A living Savior men may love, but a crucified Savior they must love. If they

perceive that He loved them and gave Himself for them, their hearts are stolen away."

I've been with our Native outreach team to a reservation that is deeply hostile to the Gospel. When our team was there and began to talk about Jesus, the teenagers would tell their little brothers and sisters to cover their ears, and not to listen. Yet when the movie *The Passion of The Christ* came out, some of these same hardened Native people saw the suffering Jesus endured on the cross. Here's what they said to their Christian friends: "Now we know why you love Him". The cross truly is, in Spurgeon's words, "that magnificent magnet."

The Gospel Is: "His Power Is That Awesome"

"...He was raised on the third day..."
(1 Corinthians 15:4)

The message of the Gospel is that my sin is that bad. But His love is that big. And His power is so awesome that He walked out of His grave! Paul says, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

We live in a time of one powerful advance after another. We have the power to conquer diseases that have plagued the human race for centuries. We have the power to create technologies that are causing revolutions in communication. We have unprecedented power to harness fuel, electricity, and other natural resources. But in

¹John Piper, "Gutsy Guilt", Christianity Today Magazine, October 2007, page 73

the end, every person dies and stays dead. All the scholars, the scientists, the wealthy, the powerful, the famous - have died or will die. Ultimately, our power is woefully limited. Nobody has the power to beat death. Except one Man.

Our Jesus walked out of His grave under His own power! He conquered what no man has been able to conquer. And He promised, "...Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Now that's good news! Only the Man who has eternal life can give eternal life. And He does - to everyone who claims Him as their Savior from their sin. If He can walk out of His grave, He can walk into a human life upon their invitation anywhere on this planet. Today, people all over the world will find Him to be the living Christ, because He's going to move into their heart this day upon hearing the Gospel. This is good news from the King! My sin is that bad, but His love is that big and His power is that awesome. That is God's Good News.

John Newton was the writer of the old hymn "Amazing Grace," and was recently portrayed in the movie *Amazing Grace*. In the movie, Newton was almost blind, and he was dictating his memoirs to a young man. Realizing how much he has forgotten, he says, "You know, I'm getting old and a lot of it is slipping away. But there are two things I remember clearly: I am a great sinner. And Christ is a great Savior." That's the Gospel!

Four Sins Against The Gospel

The Apostle Paul spoke about those who turned hearts to "...a different gospel - which is really no gospel at all..." (Galatians 1:6, 7). He condemned those who were "...trying to pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:7). Messing with or messing up God's Gospel is so serious, that "even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4!), "...let him be eternally condemned" (Galatians 1:8).

Even with God warning against compromising or corrupting the Gospel, too many in our day are often unintentionally sinning against the Gospel of God. Satan is hard at work to blind the "minds of unbelievers, "...so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4). We give aid and comfort to the enemy and invite God's judgment when we sin against the Gospel. That's why there are four critical imperatives for those who know and represent the life-or-death message from heaven.

Imperative #1 - Don't Add to the Gospel

It is wrong to encumber God's simple message of Christ, sin, the Cross and the Resurrection with anything else. An "added to" Gospel is "Gospel plus."

For much of the first half of the twentieth century, the Gospel was encumbered by rules and legalism. It was, "Jesus died on the cross, and

here are ten worldly things you'd better not do". It was not just the Gospel, but the Gospel plus.

As a teenager, my son-in-law was on a missions trip to an island off of the coast of Honduras. He shared the Gospel with some local teenagers, explaining what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus. When asked if they wanted to choose Jesus, the teenagers responded, "Oh, no thank you. We don't want to become Christians." When pressed for a reason why, the teenagers explained: "The missionaries here have told us that if we become Christians, we can't go to the movie theater." For many years, well-intentioned believers have insisted on adding to the Gospel, attaching some form of rules or legalism.

In recent years, we have seen the emergence of the Gospel plus politics. If that was the goal, we did a good job getting that message across. In recent surveys of why young people reject Christ, the question was asked, "What do you think of when you think of Christians?" One of the three things they said is, "They want to make us Republicans." How dare we encumber the Gospel and confuse people, and make them not even get to Jesus, because they've stumbled over a political agenda that somehow got attached to the simple message of the Cross!

In looking at the Book of Acts, you see a model for all of us who are responsible for delivering the Gospel. These early believers lived in a depraved culture, in an empire full of sin, with a political system rotten to the core. It was not

uncommon to see newborn baby girls left in little jars on street corners to die. Their idea of entertainment was 50,000 people watching animals tear people apart. How did the early believers respond to this? They didn't demonstrate to change the laws. Or seek to gain political muscle to legislate change. No, these early Christians simply stood on street corners and proclaimed, "Jesus died for you and He's alive." How irrelevant that seems when half the empire were slaves and life was so cheap.

Yet, the early believers impacted the culture by sticking to the simple Gospel that changed hearts and lives. Listen to Peter's simple proclamation on the streets of Jerusalem. "...God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah" (Acts 2:36). What Jesus did rocked the empire, changed the political system, transformed countless, hopeless lives without a rule book, and spread mercy around the world. All those changes came from one message: "Jesus died for your sins and rose again!" They never got off course. They stayed on that message and it changed the world.

There's a more recent addition to the Gospel - the Gospel plus "justice." Today, many believers are increasingly focused on substantively addressing issues of justice, compassion, and spreading acts of mercy around the world. Praise God! That's part of God's agenda for this world. But it is not the Gospel. Caring about "the least and the last" is biblical, but it just is not part of the Gospel. Don't call it the Gospel and don't add

it to the Gospel. The ambassador doesn't decide what the message is. The King does. God told us what the message is - Christ died for our sins and rose again.

I talked recently to a Christian leader I greatly respect. He asked me to give him my sense of what's going on in the world and in our country spiritually, and I began to share with him. As we got deeper into our conversation, it seemed this leader's greatest concern was believers should be doing more to fight against a particular religion. However, I couldn't share his passion. No, we must preach the Gospel! It's the light that dispels the darkness. If it's getting darker in our world, it is because of the absence of light! The problem is not that dark is dark, the problem is that believers aren't spreading the light!

The problem with every "gospel plus" is that we are confusing the fruit and the tree. An apple tree bears apple fruit, but the fruit is not the tree. The Gospel is the tree. Mercy, compassion, justice, pure living, culture, change, not being worldly—that is the fruit. When we encumber the Gospel with what it produces, we confuse the tree and the fruit. That's why Paul said "...nothing...except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Imperative # 2 - Don't Subtract from the Gospel

Another way to sin against the Gospel is to diminish the Gospel. It's the Gospel minus. There are two ways that the Gospel gets diminished.

The first is marking down Jesus. Presenting Him as less than who He is. This happens when we just say things like, "Jesus just wants to be your friend," or "Jesus will help you solve your problems." Those kinds of soft, cuddly statements are true, but there's so much more to who Jesus is. Jesus is the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Ruler, the King. He doesn't ride - He drives. We cannot mark down Jesus to sell Him.

The other way to diminish the Gospel is by leaving out the disease - our deadly spiritual cancer called sin. As much as I enjoyed the television show, "Touched by an Angel," the Gospel message was incomplete. Often one of the angels would tell someone, "God loves you." That's certainly true. But it's not the Gospel - not without explaining what we have done to offend a perfect and Holy God.

Too often we leave out the disease, because who wants to talk about sin? While no one wants to hear from the doctor, "You have cancer," what is worse is if you have cancer and the doctor doesn't tell you. You need to know you have the disease. You can't just talk about the lump, the bleeding, or the headaches. You have to talk about the cancer that's causing the symptoms. If you skip the disease of sin, you've betrayed the Gospel and you've betrayed the Savior who bled to give us that Gospel. We must communicate a Gospel that is complete with repentance from the sin for which Jesus died. "Christ died for our sins." So "...repentance and forgiveness of sins

will be preached in His name to all nations..." (Luke 24:47).

William Barclay said, "Euangelion is something which a man can twist or distort. There is such a thing as preaching what Paul called another gospel. When a man begins to believe in or seek to propagate Christianity as he would like it to be, instead of what God proclaims it is, he cannot do other than preach another gospel." Paul took presenting "another gospel" so seriously that he said it was an offense worthy of "God's curse." We cannot add to or take away from the Gospel. Messing with this message is very dangerous.

Imperative # 3 - Don't Forget the Gospel

We can sin against the Gospel, as well, when we forget the Gospel. It's amazing how you can listen to Christian radio for hours, watch Christian television or a Christian movie, visit Christian websites, and even attend many churches for weeks and months on end - and never hear the Gospel! There may be some references to pieces of the Gospel, but it's the whole Gospel that saves a soul. So that message must be more than just some passing reference to God, Jesus, salvation, sin, the cross, or the resurrection.

What is especially tragic is that when the Gospel is missing, we often don't even miss it. If the Gospel is consistently missing, alarms ought to go off in us! You sin against the Gospel when you forget the Gospel. Every ministry, every minister, and every believer is true to their Master's

mission when we say with intentionality, "The Gospel will always be a part of my conversation."

Imperative # 4 - Don't Fail to Deliver the Gospel

One final and costly sin against the Gospel is to not deliver it. There's a disturbing story in the Old Testament that graphically illustrates the crime of sitting on life-saving information. Four lepers lived camped outside the city walls of Samaria. The city was under siege, with the people inside slowly starving to death. The lepers said, "Why stay here until we die? If we say, 'We'll go into the city' - the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over...and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die" (2 Kings 7:3-4).

When the lepers surrendered, they were shocked to find an empty camp because God had already destroyed the enemy. The army was gone, but they had left all their food and drink behind! "Then they said to each other, 'What we're doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace'" (2 Kings 7:9). They had found what could save the lives of the people they knew - and they knew it was a crime to not tell what they knew.

Too many American Christians are in this picture - sitting on the Good News and stuffing themselves with another helping of blessings

while people are dying. We have the message that spiritually lost people are desperate to hear. Meanwhile, lost people are headed to an eternity without Christ because of the silence of believers. We are failing Jesus and the people He died for. "...I have made you a watchman...When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn...that wicked man will die for his sin and I will hold you accountable for his blood" (Ezekiel 3:17-18).

The Life-Claims of the Gospel

This awesome Good News from God is more than a message - it's a mandate! And knowing the Gospel brings with it some compelling claims on our life.

A Lasered Life

The first claim is a mandate to live a "lasered life," characterized by a consuming passion and a magnificent obsession for the Gospel. We are, as Paul said, "set apart for the Gospel of God" (Romans 1:1). We must view ourselves as vehicles for the demonstration and communication of the Good News from the King. As individuals and as ministries, it is what we're here for. God is expecting us to reserve the best of our energies, time, money, and resources, to maximize the delivery of this Gospel to our generation.

Paul had set himself apart to not be used for anything else other than to get the message out. He goes on to say, "God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the Gospel of His Son..."

(Romans 1:9). Paul was using his whole heart in getting out the Good News. It's that focused passion God's Gospel demands.

I was moved by my visit to Arlington National Cemetery, and to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. During our visit, we were able to get close enough to hear the verbal exchange between the guard going off duty and the guard coming on duty. This routine has taken place every day, 24/7, uninterrupted since 1930. For these soldiers, this is their life, and they take their duty very seriously. When one shift ends and the next shift begins, the guard going off duty says to the one coming on, "Orders remain unchanged." And the guard coming on duty salutes and replies, "Orders acknowledged."

Two thousand years ago, on a hillside, the orders were given. Jesus said, "...Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone" (Mark 16:15 NLT). The orders remain unchanged. The guard has changed from generation to generation. The methods of delivery have changed. The package has changed. But the orders remain unchanged. As musician Keith Green said, "Each generation of Christians is responsible for each generation of lost people!" The orders remain unchanged, and the orders are acknowledged. It's a mission that requires no less than a lasered life!

An Inescapable Responsibility

Someone gave you a chance to choose Jesus. We owe the lost nothing less than the same

opportunity we have had to hear and respond to this Good News. We cannot be content that we're saved and we're going to heaven in a world where less and less people have any idea that the blood of the Lamb of God was spilled for them. If they know there's a cross, they don't know what it was for. They don't know it was all for them.

Paul writes, "I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the Gospel also to you who are in Rome" (Romans 1:14-15). When you read "Greeks," think of people who haven't had a chance at Jesus. They are the people who know little or nothing about the Bible. When Paul talks about "non-Greeks," he is referencing the Jews, who do have an understanding of the Bible. But in both cases, the Bible people, and the non-Bible people, there are those who have yet to understand and embrace the Gospel.

Our churches are filled with people who know a lot about Jesus, but do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. It's the difference between a head full of knowledge about Jesus, and a heart that is surrendered to Him. The unchurched lost and the religious lost go to the same hell. And we have a responsibility to make sure both get the Good News.

Paul says that we are "entrusted" with this message: "The gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which He entrusted to me" (1 Timothy 1:11). If there is a person drowning, and you are the only person there as it is happening,

you are obligated to rescue them. You have life, and they are about to lose theirs. You're the person who has the power to save the person who is drowning in front of you. It would be a deadly neglect if you let that person die. So it is with spiritual rescue. Nobody should die without knowing how they could live. Not with someone in their life who is close enough to rescue them.

Every one of us, in every circle we are in, should be an advocate for this message. If you're not hearing the Gospel, don't settle for that. If you're not speaking the Gospel don't accept that. God's Gospel lays on our life a game-changing claim - the inescapable responsibility to "snatch others from the fire and save them..." (Jude 23).

An Unshrinking Boldness

The Gospel is the dynamite of God, and we get to tell it. What are we so timid about? We have a culture that has somehow made us feel like we have to be on the defensive. We have the Good News! And God's dynamite blows away anything in its way. We have no reason to be ashamed.

So the Gospel carries with it a claim on our life that is a call to an unshrinking boldness. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile" (Romans 1:16). The Lord your God is mighty to save and His instrument of rescue is this Gospel message. And His delivery system is you.

The God Who Hung On the Cross

When the Communists took over in Cambodia, they killed a million of their own countrymen in a massive sweep. The Communist soldiers went from village to village to massacre people. Twenty years later, after the Communists' hold was broken, a missionary was able to visit a village in northwestern Cambodia for the first time. This missionary had never been there before, but was welcomed as a friend by the people of this village. A very old lady approached the missionary and said to his surprise, "We've been waiting for you to come."

The missionary was told that the Communist soldiers had come to their village. Everyone in the village was told to leave their huts, and to start digging a huge pit. The villagers knew they were digging their own mass grave.

Some tried to run into the jungle and were immediately cut down. In desperation, the villagers began crying out in anguish to any god or spirit they could remember. Some cried out to their ancestors, and some cried out to ancient spirits. There was one very elderly lady who began to cry out in anguish to the God she remembered hearing about from her grandmother - "the God who hung on a cross!" Before long, all the villagers were crying out to this God who hung on a cross.

When the terrified villagers finished digging the giant hole, they noticed that a strange quiet had settled over the whole village. One man finally

gathered enough courage to look over his shoulder and was amazed to see that the soldiers had disappeared into the jungle.

The old lady said to the missionary, "We have waited for twenty years for someone to come and tell us about this God who hung on the cross". And he did.

We know the God who hung on a cross. We know how much He has done to rescue us - and every person on this planet. Our world desperately needs for someone to tell them about this Savior who loved them enough to die for them and was powerful enough to walk out of His grave. Yes, it is the simple message on which eternities depend. The treasure of heaven entrusted it to our hands.

On the night the Titanic sank, Jack Phillips was the ship's radioman. Two hours before the ship hit that iceberg, he received a message from another ship, warning about an icefield in their path. It was there that the Titanic ultimately went down, taking with it some 1500 lives. Jack Phillips was very busy when he received that message - so he just put it on a spindle to deliver later. That simple choice cost him his life and the lives of so many others. He had the information that could have saved lives. And he never delivered it.

We have in this Gospel from God the information on which eternities depend. We cannot - we must not - fail to deliver it. Uncut. Unencumbered. Uncompromised.

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