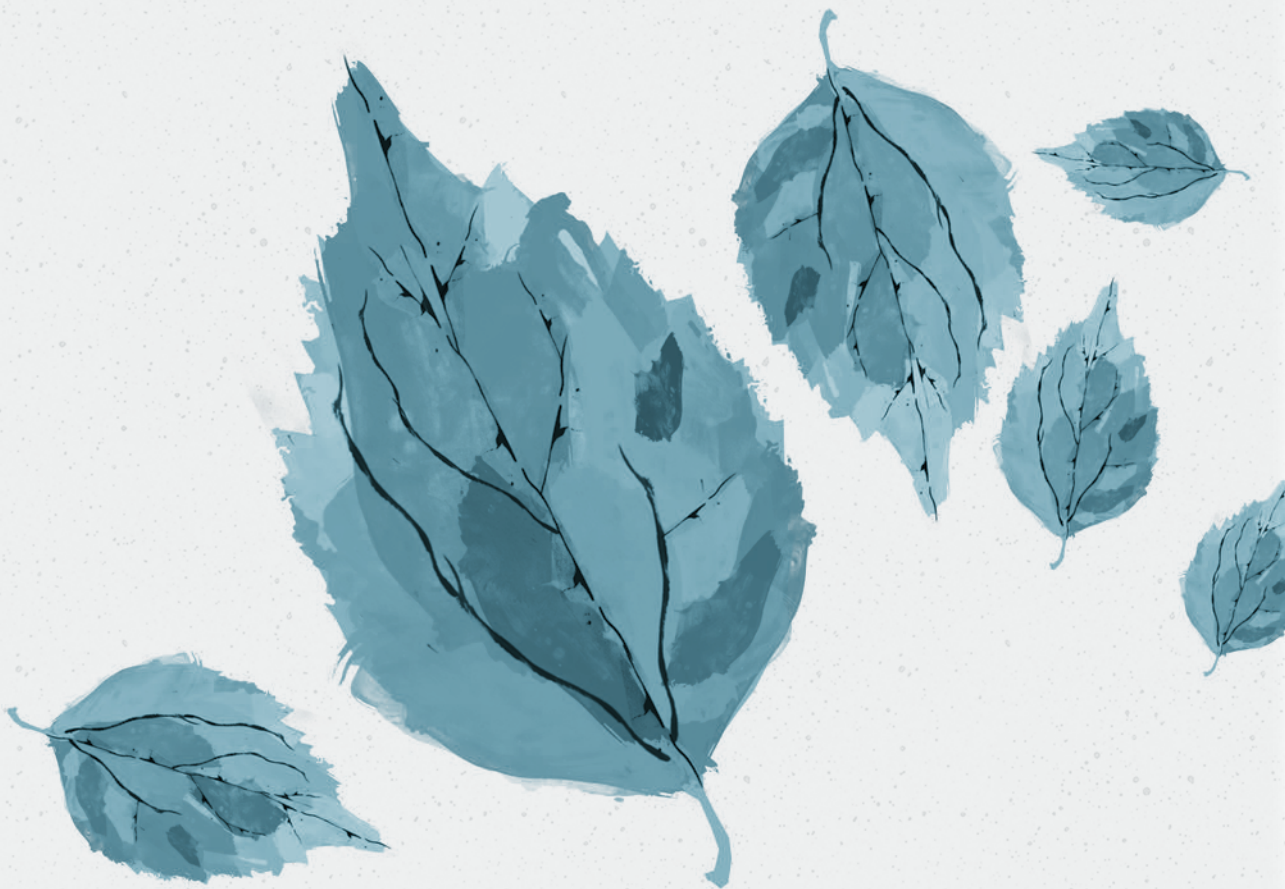


RECOVERING REDEMPTION

HOW CHRIST CHANGES EVERYTHING



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Gospel means good news.

The world you and I are living in is not the world as God created it.

In Genesis 1–2 the triune God of the universe—God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit—in perfect contentment in the Godhead overflowed in their love and affection for one another onto the canvas of creation and created all that was.

God the Father is the Author of creation.

God the Son is the active force of creation.

The Holy Spirit is the personal presence of God that brings life to where there is no life.

At that moment outright rebellion is declared against the King of glory, and the cosmos fractures.

Relational chaos was introduced when sin entered the world.

All we were meant to cultivate will now war against us.

We groan in eager longing, along with creation, for things to be restored.

FOUR PLACES WE RUN TO FIX THINGS

1. Ourselves

You will never be good enough for God.

2. Others

The fracture in the foundation of every relationship is “You will satisfy me and complete me.”

We find the fullness of life in Christ, not in others.

3. The world

Common grace is God’s good gifts to all.

When we run to the world outside the boundaries of what God created things to be enjoyed in, we hamstring and hurt ourselves.

4. Religion

Religion says, “I’m going to tilt the scales in my favor by being a good person.”

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For news to be good, it has to invade bad spaces.

WAYS PEOPLE GO WHEN THEY REALIZE THEY'RE UNCLEAN

1. Religion

You don't do sinful acts to make yourself a sinner. You are a sinner, so you do sinful acts.

Behavioral modification isn't going to work, because whatever reigns and rules in your heart will overflow out of your heart into your actions and attitudes.

2. Blame

No one can make you think evil thoughts.

The real issue isn't our marriage, our addiction, our struggle, our loneliness, our depression, our lust but our hearts.

God loves the weak. He oftentimes saves and uses the weak to shame the strong.

By the death of Jesus Christ, we have been justified. We have been made right.

We are given new hearts by the God of the universe. We are given new desires in that new heart.

While you were enemies, Christ died for you.

When you were at your weakest, at the appointed time God rescued you.

I'm habitually laying my life before the Lord and asking for His help to believe the gospel all the more, to trust Him, and to live out the implications of the gospel in my life.

We were rescued and saved by grace alone through faith alone. God gets the glory alone.

I'm completely set free from the slavery of religion.

We don't do things to get God to love us. We do those things because He does love us, and we are in pursuit of growing in greater intimacy with the Savior of our souls.

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The fruit of faith is repentance.

There is a type of sorrow that is godly, that leads to repentance and salvation without regret.

Worldly sorrow leads to death.

WORLDLY GRIEF

1. Almost always horizontal
2. Purely emotional and not spiritual
3. Passive toward the cause of grief
4. Full of pride and avoids responsibilities and consequences

GODLY GRIEF

1. Has sight

The Word of God is surgical. It's going to cut; it's going to reveal; it's going to show us where our rebellion is.

2. Leads to the gift of sorrow

3. Has to be vented

Godly sorrow is active.

The most common place sorrow works itself out is in confession.

4. Has an element of shame

The shame we feel under the weight of God's holiness is not a type of shame that leads us into sin but rather a type of shame that leads us out.

5. Produces a hatred for sin

6. Leads us to repentance and a life without regret

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To be justified is to be found innocent, to be made right.

You and I have been justified before God. The sovereign Judge of the universe has banged the gavel and declared us innocent.

You don't just have a Judge, but you have a loving Father.

The moment you are justified, you're also adopted. They happen simultaneously.

When the Judge adopts you, you have the freedom not to give in to the enslavement you experienced before your justification and adoption.

All we do to be justified and delighted in by God, to be declared innocent and loved as sons and daughters, is simply by faith believe God has done what He said He was going to do in Jesus Christ.

WAYS THE SPIRIT TESTIFIES TO OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD

1. There is an acknowledgment of the lordship of Christ.

We have a desire for obedience, although it is imperfectly executed.

2. There is joy in our Father as we imperfectly execute obedience.

There's a pursuit of the things of the Lord.

We get God: unfettered, unbroken, complete access to our Creator and what our soul was designed to experience.

The call to follow Jesus Christ is also a call to suffering.

The sovereign King of glory will use the dark night to tie our souls to Him.

You have a loving Father, and you have His attention. You have not been abandoned.

Your Father delights in you—not a better version of you but you.

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Positional holiness: when God looks at me, He sees me as spotless and blameless.

God wants a manifest holiness, a transformation of our lives where our lives get more and more lined up with how He designed things to work, and we begin to look more and more like Jesus.

Sanctification requires grace-driven effort.

Vivification is a pursuit of the Lord.

The first aspect of growing in visible holiness is setting our minds on the things that are above and getting our minds off the things that are below.

You move toward functional holiness by the renewal of your mind.

Vivification is a training of the mind to think rightly about the Lord.

Mortification is putting to death what is sinful in you.

Sanctification is about pressing into the Lord, having our minds renewed, and being very serious about putting anything to death that might either be sinful in Scripture or that might hinder my love for the Lord and my delight in the Lord.

HURDLES TO SANCTIFICATION

1. Treating symptoms

Treating symptoms most commonly reveals itself in relational strife and conflict.

Treating symptoms reveals itself in addictions.

If the heart isn't changed, managing the behavior doesn't set anybody free.

Sanctification and going after the heart are God saying, "Son, Daughter, I have more for you than this."

2. Covering up

There should be, in and among the people of God, a gladness in our weaknesses.

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Guilt is a falling of a clear moral code. Shame has more to do with how we see ourselves and how we fall short of how we see ourselves.

HOW GUILT AND SHAME INTERACT

1. The most healthy way guilt and shame interact is when they work together:
I might tell a lie and immediately feel guilty because I know lying is wrong but also feel shame because I think I'm stronger than that.
2. Guilt and shame can function independently from one another:
I can know I've done something morally wrong and not feel any shame at all.
3. Guilt and shame can work against one another: we can feel shame for doing the right thing, and we can have a sense of glory in doing the wrong thing.

There is nothing more morally right than loving and serving and having your life shaped by the Creator God of the universe.

If you're going to believe what the Bible says, but your self-ideal has been built around heroes in the world, you have set yourself up for guilt and shame.

When you walk in guilt and shame, a by-product of that is oftentimes anger.

When self-hate exists, you will first abuse yourself.

There are times that self-hate begins to roll out onto others.

You're not cheap. So expensive are you before the King of glory that Christ died on the cross in your stead.

Nothing drives shame away from the heart more than being fully known yet still delighted in.

Justification takes care of our guilt. Adoption takes care of our shame. Sanctification is the deconstruction of false self-ideals and a replacement of what is true and right and good.

Our ideal, our picture, our model is Jesus Christ.

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We have to do something with fear and anxiety because it is not in line with God's good and right design .

The more value you give specific things, the more fear and anxiety will rule and reign around those things.

If you exalt your children too much, your fear over them will consume you and rob you of the enjoyment of them.

Work hard, be good stewards, and then trust the Lord .

The weapon we have been given to fight fear and anxiety is faith that God is ultimately good and reigns and rules over our lives in a way that is more rich in wisdom than our own reign over our lives.

It is a freeing thing to understand you have no control .

The worst thing you can do with fear and anxiety is pretend you're strong and don't have it.

You will not use God for bread. You will get God, and He will be enough .

The bottom line in most fear and anxiety is you simply don't trust that God is good .

The Lord's invitation to us, repeatedly, is to walk in the light .

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Every one of us was dead in our trespasses and sins, and we followed in the way of the world.

We were by our nature objects of God's wrath.

Wrath is God allowing men to pursue the very things they want to pursue that will kill them, all the while patiently waiting for them to realize it's a dead end, and they'll return to Him.

Common graces are bankrupt outside of knowing the Lord.

Even as God's wrath steadily builds toward an individual, there are common graces that are given to that person, hopefully so they might realize there is something beyond that.

We were dead, and dead men have roots that go deep. Those roots are the roots of guilt and shame, of fear and anxiety, and then the fruit of those roots bear in all sorts of different ways.

We have been made alive with Christ. Those roots are being pulled up.

God so loves you that He will ruthlessly garden in the depths of your heart.

For you to just have the fruit of sin removed while the plant remains is no good for you and brings no glory to God.

Throughout the ages you'll see that He's inexhaustible, that there's never a moment where there's not more of Him to know, more of Him to be experienced, more joy to be had.

We renounce our former ways while simultaneously rerooting in who we are.

Get over yourself. It's God who does the good work.

Day by day, being renewed in the inner man, renouncing the old ways, rerooting in the new, we ask and plead with God to strengthen us for the day, to give us victory over our sin in the moment.

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God has righted the vertical relationship, yet I still have issues horizontally.

We are motivated in how we live our lives by the love of God made manifest for us in Christ.

We have a tendency to attack people quickly, to be disappointed quickly, to grow frustrated quickly, and to wound others quickly.

God puts a good weight on His people to work toward reconciliation whenever we have sinned against others or harmed others, whether we know we did or not.

God has already given us the example of what He would have done: initiate and forgive, engage and reconcile.

When you sin against God, there is a ripple effect that creates havoc in the relationships around you.

We must look inside our hearts, see where we have sinned against others, and then seek reconciliation and make amends.

THE ART OF CONFESSION

1. Address everyone involved.
 2. Avoid if, but, and maybe.
 3. Admit specifically.
 4. Acknowledge the hurt.
 5. Accept the consequences.
 6. Alter your behavior.
 7. Ask for forgiveness.
- Own your sin.

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WAYS WE AVOID CONFLICT

1. We deny.

The first and primary way a Christian deals with being sinned against is by absorbing or overlooking the offense.

When the offense can no longer be absorbed or overlooked, a root of bitterness is growing in your heart.

2. We fly away.

You will not find the workplace, neighborhood, or church where you will not be disappointed and sinned against.

Aggressors like to intimidate, bully, and badger with Scripture.

Part of Christian maturation is to be confronted in our sinfulness by those we have sinned against or those who have noticed our sinfulness.

Speaking the truth in love says, "I am not willing for you to be harmed in ways that have eternal ramifications."

Love is willing to risk the relationship for the good of the soul of the one being confronted.

They are revealing with their action that they do not possess belief, so our interaction with them becomes the removal of membership and interacting with them as though they're unbelievers.

If there has never been any transformation in your life, and you have no concern about Christ, no desire to follow Him, and no willingness to walk in obedience, you're not a Christian.

Bitterness is uprooted when we take steps toward reconciliation.

The more we're willing to love one another in a dynamic way, own our sin, and engage one another in a way that says, "I love you enough to risk this," the more robust, deep, and beautiful this community of faith will become.

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Our entire lives will be filled with confession, repentance, and life together.

You do what you do because you think in doing them, you're going to be satisfied, you're going to find life, you're going to experience joy.

Knowing and being reconciled to God in Christ is where the most pleasure is experienced.

Real, deep, meaningful life is found in being connected to the Son of God.

If we will persevere in the ongoing ethic of confession, repentance, and life together, we must be very serious about pursuing joy.

STEPS TOWARD JOY IN CHRIST

1. Ever-increasing, eternal, legitimate joy cannot be found outside a serious pursuit of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Few things destroy idols like the desert, but let's make sure we're not in the desert by our own choosing.

2. Put to death what is earthly in you.

We are given one offensive weapon with which to fight and put to death these things: the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God (see Eph. 6:17).

When we walk into sin, we're believing the promise that sin offers.

Unlike the promises of our flesh, God is able to accomplish and fulfill the promises He makes to His children (see 2 Cor. 1:20).

Everything that is pleasurable was created by God and gifted to man for God's glory.

3. We are now defined by Christ's rescuing power, not by our ethnicity, not by our socioeconomic status.

4. Become an expert in how good God has been to you.

Learn to walk in thankfulness.

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"This is the light," outside the light of the gospel, becomes the grid by which people will actively oppress and operate in injustice.

We can't fix our own issues. Our hope is rooted in the gospel alone.

Blessed are the ones who understand that they own nothing, possess nothing, have nothing that was not given to them by God.

Blessed are those who are aware of how they have rebelled against God, who are heartbroken in their sin, and who in their poor-in-spirit bankruptcy have cried out to the Father.

Conviction from God is a gift from God.

We understand fully that all we have and all that has been given to us has been given to us by God. Therefore, we will be marked by a humility and gentleness that are present because of our understanding of where all things came from.

The more of Jesus you experience, the more of Him you want.

One of the things that comes in our lowliness, in our humility, in our dependence on God is a growing empathy and compassion for others.

A peacemaker refuses to let anyone sow seeds of disunity.

We are a people commanded by God to be marked by love, compassion, patience, mercy, and hospitality.

We are a people who have been put in a precarious spot: to be against the world for the world.

HOW WE LIVE OUT BEING THE LIGHT

1. Follow the aptitudes that led you into the career you're in.
2. Within the domain God has placed you, systematically push back systemic darkness.