

In Galatians 2:14, Paul lays down a powerful principle. He deals with Peter's pride and cowardice by declaring that he was not living "in line with the truth of the Gospel". From this we see that the Christian life is a process of renewing every dimension of our life—spiritual, psychological, corporate, social—by thinking, hoping and living out the "lines" or ramifications of the Gospel. The Gospel is to be applied to every area of thinking, feeling, relating, working and behaving.

The main problem, then, in the Christian life is that we have not thought out the deep implications of the Gospel, we have not "used" the Gospel in and on all parts of our life. Richard Lovelace says that most people's problems are just a failure to be oriented to the Gospel—a failure to grasp and believe it through and through. Luther says, "The truth of the Gospel is the principal article of all Christian doctrine...Most necessary is that we know this article well, teach it to others, and beat it into their heads continually." (on Galatians 2:14f)

Order of Worship

February 24, 2013

Prelude

SMC Music Team

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Awesome and compassionate God, You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved You. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as You come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me. (God, I see)
Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.....for me.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of New Member

Jasmine Hutchison

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of Heaven,
Creator of the earth. (*repeat*)

Chorus: O how I need You Lord, You are my only hope;
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for You to come and rescue me,
Come and give me life.

(repeat verse/repeat chorus twice)

You Are My All in All

(to be sung in a round / Men & Women)

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my All in All.
(women restart at the beginning)
(men continue with chorus)

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All.

(repeat chorus two times)

Deepening Our Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

(Children ages 4-6 may be dismissed for Children's Church during song)

In My Place

In my place He stood condemned, He who knew no sin,
Became sin for us that we might become His righteousness;
Bearing all my sin and shame, the punishment and blame,
He conquered the grave that we might become the heirs of grace.

Chorus: In my place Jesus died, the spotless Lamb laid down His life;
The wrath of God was satisfied, in my place, Jesus died.

(repeat all)

Bridge: Nail-pierced hands, bleeding side, His body bruised, my God crucified.
A crown of thorns, dying cries, His flesh was torn, my God crucified.
Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

(repeat chorus)

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: Gospel Renewal Principles
"On Being Gospel Centered" Matthew 6:19-34
Theme: *Living Out the Implications of the Gospel*

Introduction:

- I. Personal Centers (Matthew 6:21)
 - A. Source of our security, guidance, wisdom and power
 - B. Self-defeating PC's (Matthew 6:25-33)
- II. The Gospel-centered Life
 - A. Security (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - B. Guidance (Galatians 2:14)
 - C. Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)
 - D. Power (Romans 1:16)
- III. Maintaining Gospel Centrality
 - A. ABC's A to Z (Colossians 1:3-7)
 - B. Our glory (Galatians 6:14)

Conclusion:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might;
He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy, my light.
'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives.

Communion

Benevolence Offering

Benediction