

The Gospel Basics

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Hebrews 5:11-14

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Heb 5-10 shows us Jesus as our Great High Priest - the Gospel
- It is almost as if our pastor is frustrated by his hearers inability to grasp these truths!

If God is a God of Grace, why such stern warnings?

- God promises to keep His people by His grace^{Phil1:6;Jn6:44}
- The Lord keeps His people by applying His Word of grace
- Word contains encouragement; chastisements; exhortations
- God saves His people so we might be holy^{1Pet1:15}

Gospel Truths:

- We can never be holy enough to be accepted by God^{Rm 3:23}
- God sent Jesus, Great High Priest, to redeem us and reconcile us to God by His atoning work on our behalf^{Heb4:14-16}
- Jesus is ALL we need! We can't do it except by faith^{Heb3:14}

How to Offend God

- Tell God how you will come to Him, set your own terms^{Heb6:2}
- We must pay attention to God's Word – not our false ideas; Heb 2:1; 3:7-8; 4:1-2
- Some Hebrews were missing the Good News of the Gospel

Oh the Glorious Gospel

- "The Gospel is that God Himself has come to rescue and renew creation in and through the work of Jesus Christ on our behalf."
- We need rescuing because of sin!^{Rm3:23; Isa59:2}
- Sin is why we don't embrace God's free grace – our pride
- God doesn't really focus on sin but His solution^{Eph1:4}
- Humans tend to focus on sin - sin is simply making everything about me, living for self, own glory...
- Message of Hebrews: Jesus is our solution, High Priest who has rescued us from the penalty and effects of sin!
- The Hebrews were forgetting the Gospel - Heb 3:12
- Rest in God's provision for your salvation found in Jesus!
- The Gospel is simple, but it is also the solid food we need!¹⁴
- Don't keep trying harder – look harder in faith to what Jesus has done for you and what His work has made you to be.

Because of the Gospel You:

- Have SALVATION: you do not have to live with guilt or shame over your past sins or present areas of your life that God is still working on. You have been given a totally new life in Christ!
- Are JUSTIFIED: you are declared right with God because of Jesus' perfect life exchanged for yours!
- Are ADOPTED: You are a child, fully loved and accepted by your Father. You've been made a part of His forever family!
- Are being SANCTIFIED: You are becoming more like Jesus as you begin to live out what is now true of you by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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