

## The Glorious Gospel

May 28, 2023  
2 Cor 5:21; Psalm 145:3-8

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### Intro:

- Oak Community Church part of the Presbyterian Church in America
- Evangelical; Reformed; Confessional; Presbyterian

### The Gospel

- The Gospel is that God Himself has come to rescue and renew Creation in and through the work of Jesus Christ
- God created all things good: Gen 1-2
- Adam & Eve disobey & 'fell': Gen 3
- God is holy and must deal with sin
- Adam's sin didn't surprise God<sup>1Eph1:4</sup>
- God planned Jesus to redeem sinners<sup>1Cor15:3-4</sup>
- Great Exchange of the Gospel<sup>2Cor5:21</sup> is by faith in Jesus<sup>Rm10:9</sup>

### Four G's for Gospel Living:

**God is Great** – so I don't have to be in control

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Ps 145:3*

**God is Glorious** – so I do not have to fear others

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty, on your wondrous works, I will meditate. Ps 145:5*

**God is Good** – so I don't have to look elsewhere...

*The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. Ps 145:9*

**God is Gracious** – so I don't have to prove myself

*The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Ps 145:8*

### Heart Idols & the 4 G's:

| If you seek...                             | What you are willing to pay...      | Your greatest nightmare...     | People around you often feel... | Your problem emotion... |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Power, success, influence, winning         | Being burdened; sole responsibility | Humiliation; being embarrassed | Used                            | Anger or Frustration    |
| Approval, love, affirmation, relationships | Less independence                   | Rejection; not being accepted  | Smothered                       | Fear or timidity        |
| Comfort, privacy, freedom, no stress       | Reduced productivity                | Stress or demands on you       | Neglected                       | Laziness or Boredom     |
| Control, high standards, certainty         | Loneliness, spontaneity             | Uncertainty                    | Condemned                       | Worry or Anxiety        |

| God is... | So I don't have to...          | This will help me experience...     | People around me will feel...       | My problem idol... |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| GRACIOUS  | prove myself...                | that I can't earn anything from God | Compassion & grace                  | Power              |
| GLORIOUS  | fear others...                 | Who God really is                   | real authentic relationships        | Approval           |
| GOOD      | look elsewhere for pleasure... | Satisfaction in God                 | True joy in the gifts of this world | Comfort            |
| GREAT     | be in control...               | The certainty of God's kingdom      | God-centered freedom                | Control            |

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