

# What the Gospel Looks Like

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1 Samuel 7:1-17

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## Last Week:

- Israelites have listened to God's Word through Samuel & repented
- They gather at Mizpah for repentance and fasting<sup>1Sam7:4-6</sup>
- Philistines saw gathering & massed armies
- Israelites ask Samuel to pray and ask God to save them<sup>1Sam7:8</sup>

## Samuel leads the People in Worship by Sacrifice of Lamb:

- What a strange way to pray - sacrifice a nursing lamb!
- This is intended to shock us - God requires a blood sacrifice
- The lamb looked forward to God's provision of Jesus<sup>John1:29</sup>
- The Israelites knew this<sup>Heb10:1-4,10</sup>

## Think & Live Out the Gospel:

- We all sin... when we do, look to the required sacrifice
- How can God accept or love us? Only through Jesus<sup>Eph1:4</sup>
- So what do we do when we sin?
  - Go to the truth of God's Word<sup>1Jn3:19-20</sup> not your feelings!
  - God loved us, redeemed us because of Jesus<sup>Rom5:8;1Jn4:10</sup>
  - The lamb Samuel sacrificed pointed to Jesus<sup>Jn1:29</sup>
  - If you sin: confess or agree with God<sup>1Jn1:9</sup> about the sin
  - He is faithful & just to forgive because of Jesus' work<sup>1Jn1:9</sup>
  - Jesus also cleanses us<sup>1Jn1:9</sup> so we can walk in obedience
  - Let us faith, live in new obedience, with confidence<sup>Heb4:16</sup>

## Ebenezer 12-14

- Sets up stone of remembrance, Ebenezer-stone of help<sup>Psa 121</sup>
- Note his wording "*Till now...*"<sup>12</sup>
- We need Ebenezer stones in our lives!
- Even during chp4-6, God was letting them know bitter fruit of rebellion and failing to trust God<sup>Prv3:5</sup> – God was faithful
- God's help can come even in the darkest times - look to God
- *O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be...*

## An Altar 14-17

- A summary of Samuel's life & faithfulness
- Samuel was faithful servant<sup>Psa99:6</sup>
- Faithful to Word & worship before the people
- We are called to be like Samuel - point others to God's grace found in the Glorious Gospel!
- We are called to be faithful over the long haul<sup>Samuel20+yrs</sup>
- We must live as worshippers<sup>Rom12:1-2</sup>
- Be like Samuel in these ways:
  - You're a sinner so live by power of Spirit to be holy
  - Live your life as pilgrim - this world is not your home
  - Live your life as a worshipper<sup>1Cor10:31</sup>