

**(No Series)**  
**The Gospel**  
**01/22/22**  
**Newport News**

## **Opening**

-To all the people who have been praying it wouldn't snow...God loves me more than you...LOL!

-PLEASE go back and watch the last two weeks of services...

1. Next week we are looking for our Faith Promise cards!
2. Online pledge option
3. Make those donations to our Legacy offering!
4. Are you willing to have a little less...

-Next week is our 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary...some of you need a reason to start coming back...make that your week!

## **Introduction**

-Mark 16:15

-Romans 1:16a

-1 Corinthians 15:1-2

-gospel = euaggelion (yoo-ang-ghel-ee-on)

- Eu means "good"
- Aggelion means "announcement"

-Why is this message from the Bible about Jesus good news?

## **The Gospel Finds Me**

-(tell the story of the heart shaped rock in Haiti)

-My heart ACHED to be with my family!!! (hunger equivalence...fasting)

-Romans 10:9-14

*-From the moment we are born, our hearts ache to know God and to be known by Him. But for most people we come in contact with every day who are far from God, they are not yet sensitized to that ache...they don't feel it. For many of you, thinking back to your own story for when you were far from God, you were completely disconnected from that longing. (I certainly was!)*

-John 6:44a (awakened to that void)

-Romans 1:16 (re-read)

-Romans 10:15-17

- Faith that feels that ache
- Faith to believe we can know Him and be known
- Faith that Jesus is the answer

-Dana Pate: "Healthy tissue doesn't hurt."

-Luke 15:1-10 (Bible...have you been found?)

**-The Gospel is good news because The Gospel FINDS me...and when The Gospel finds me, it awakens my longing to know God and to be known by Him!**

## **The Gospel Adopts Me**

-(read story about Susanne Rochet)

*-Why am I telling you that story...because God wants you to be born into His family and not just for you, but for generations to come! You might be the Susanne Rochet of your family spiritually!*

-God doesn't just want to make your acquaintance...He wants you to be family!

-John 1:12

-(read from One in Christ, page xix)

-Can we talk about Pastor Justin's son for a minute...Raj is adopted but that doesn't make him any less born into the White family!!!

*Some are born into a family by way of pregnancy and others are born into a family by way of adoption! And make no mistake, just as God formed Adam and Eve...He formed you!*

-Psalm 139:13-16 (He formed you...)

-John 3:3 (He formed you so you can be adopted into His family)

-Colossians 1:13

-Romans 8:15

**-The Gospel is good news because The Gospel ADOPTS me...and when The Gospel adopts me, it establishes me in the family of God!**

### **The Gospel Forgives Me**

-John 8:10-11

*-Forgiveness is not permission to do as we please. Forgiveness is the freedom to live in a way that pleases God.*

-a Gospel that forgives is a Gospel that transforms

-(talk about never comparing your children in parenting)

-But this is the first thing God says to us...you need to be more like your brother, who is also your King and Your Savior...

-Ephesians 5:1

-(read list of 24 Virtues)

*-When our kids were still young, all throughout our parenting years, we loved them like they were perfect and parented them like they needed to change, grow, and mature!*

-I'll be 55 in March...The Gospel found me in 1990...and the Gospel is still changing me!

**-The Gospel is good news because The Gospel FORGIVES me...and when The Gospel forgives me, it never stops changing me!**

## The Gospel Convinces Me

-Acts 4:12

-John 14:6

-The invitation of The Gospel is inclusive but the message of The Gospel is exclusive. (people have a hard time differentiating between these)

-You ask: "But what is the Gospel?"

-I respond: "You know what it is by knowing why it is good news!"

-I am at one with God, rescued from myself, just as if I'm perfect, because Jesus paid it all.

-Atonement, Redemption, Justification, Propitiation

-John 1:1-14 (talk about "finds, adopts, forgives, and convinces")

-John 1:29

-Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

-Because Jesus died for me...

- The Gospel finds me
- The Gospel adopts me
- The Gospel forgives me
- The Gospel convinces me

**-The Gospel is good news because The Gospel CONVINCES me...and when The Gospel convinces me, it calls to me: by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone!**

## Close

-John 5:38...let's make sure this message, The Gospel is in every heart in the 757!