



“The Gospel And Sexual Freedom”

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1. I’ll never forget when I heard this once at a men’s conference...

2. What do we mean by “the gospel”?

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved...For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” – 1 Cor. 15:1-4

3. To understand the importance of the gospel, let’s get in a spiritual time machine and go back to the beginning.

a. Why did God create us?

“[God the Father] chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.” ~ Ephesians 1:4

b. What was “the Fall”? What were it’s consequences?

c. Why is the world the way it is? The Christian answer has two strands of evidence supporting it.

4. A model for explaining the gospel:

Jesus came to earth to _____ us how to live rightly.

Jesus died on the cross to give us the _____ to live rightly.

Jesus rose from the grave to give us the _____ to live rightly.

➤ *He came to teach us how to live rightly.*

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” ~ Matthew 24:35

That Jesus has to teach us says a couple important things:

➤ *He died to give us the power to live rightly.*

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.” ~ Isaiah 53:5

a. What did Adam and Eve have that we don’t?

b. How did Jesus’ death begin to restore these conditions?

➤ *He rose to give us the reason to live rightly.*

“You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” ~ 1 Cor. 6:19-20

Paul is urging us to use “gospel thinking”. What is this?