

Chairman's Welcome

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"The Neglected Commission"

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

• "Men with a Message"?

all authority...all nations...all times (18,19,20)

"Recharged for maximum impact"!

What is the Gospel? (Romans 1:1-6)

Vaughan Roberts

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—²the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. **Romans 1:1-6**

Introduction

An announcement of good news

1. From God (v. 1-2)

Promised through the prophets (v. 1)

Proclaimed by the apostles (v. 2)

2. About Jesus

The Saviour and Lord (v. 3-4)

'Jesus'

'Christ'

'Lord'

Who died and rose (v. 4; 1 Cor 15: 1-4)

The Cross: Propitiation through substitution (3: 25)

Jesus died as our representative in our place to satisfy God's wrath

The resurrection

The new age has begun (v. 4)

Christ will return to judge (Acts 10:39-42)

3. For Everyone (v. 5)

Global and personal

Global (8:20-21)

Personal (8:15-16)

Inclusive and exclusive

Inclusive (v. 5a; 3:22-24)

Exclusive (v. 5b)

Requires faith and obedience

Offers justification and life

The Truth About Hell (Revelation 20:11-15)

Al Stewart

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:11-15**

v11 – God will take his seat

v12 – God will judge every individual

v13 – God will judge with justice

v14-15 – God will throw people into the lake of fire

The Truth About Heaven (Revelation 21:1-5)

Al Stewart

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people,

and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:1-5

v1 – God will renew his creation

v2 – God will make his people beautiful

v3 – God will live with his people

v4 – God will take away the pain

v5 – God will keep his promises

How do I share the Gospel?

Rico Tice

²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2-6

Introduction: Men with debts

Talking to God about people (v2-4)

Talking to people about God (v5-6)

Application

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Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

2 Cor 4:1-6

¹³As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass,
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
¹⁷But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children

Psalms 103:13-17

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

Discussion Questions

Session 3

Why does the whole `heaven` thing seem so unreal to us at times?

How does Jesus challenge our thinking and living for heaven?