



The Gospel Changes Everything!!

**More Issues To Be Viewed
From God's Perspective**

Changing The Way We Think

- **Society is Focused on the Here and Now!**
- **Followers of Jesus are to live in light of Eternity**
- **In the past we have talked about the 2 belief systems that seek to steal the gospel from us.**
 - 1. Moralism/Religion – stresses truth without grace, saying we need to obey truth to be saved**
 - 2. Relativism/Irreligion – stresses grace without truth, claiming we are all accepted by God, and we each decide what is truth for us.**

Changing The Way We Think

- **The gospel affects the way we should think about everything**
- **The Gospel is not that it saves sinners so that “Christians” mature by trying hard to live biblically!**
- **We are saved by “Believing” the gospel and then letting the Good News transform the way we “Think and Live” in every segment of our lives**

How We Think About Issues

Last week we looked at:

- **Racism – In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, Male or Female, Bond or Free**
- **Discouragement – Are we referring an idol over God?**
- **Sex – It is a picture of total giving of ourselves for the good of the other person, for life.**
- **Death – In Christ it's the beginning of life, not the end**

How We Think About Natural Disasters

- **Religious- Judgment from God**
- **Irreligious – Its Climate Change**
- **The Gospel says –**
 - 1. It may be a judgment from God – 2 Chron.6:26**
 - 2. It may be part of the disorder of sin – Rom.8:19-25**
 - 3. It may be part of the signs of the end – Matt.24:6-8;
Revelation speaks of many natural disasters**

How We Think About Climate Change

- **Moralists or Religious – We need to save the planet. The Mother earth idea- we end up worshipping the creation instead of the creator**
- **Relativists – Take what you can get. What is going to happen is inevitable, and I cant stop it.**
- **The Gospel says, God is in control Man is not**
 - **Rising Oceans? – Job 38:8-11, Thus far you shall come, no farther**
 - **Matt.14:13-33- Feeds 5000 then walks on water and calms storm**
 - **God put man on the earth with dominion over everything – Gen.1:28-30; 2:15**

How We Think About Government

- **Religious say – We need to change the political system**
- **Irreligious say – We need to have our voice heard, riot, civil disobedience, bring down the government**
- **The Gospel says all authority is put there by God
Romans 13:1-7; Isa.3:1-8**
- **Respect authority and pay your taxes**
- **Ps.65:5-8 - God is in control of people and weather**
- **1Ttim.2:1-3 – Pray for those in authority**

How Do We Change The Way We Think?

- 1. Ask yourself, “Have I surrendered control of my life or I have I just been doing religion?”**
- 2. Commit or Re-commit your life to being a follower of Jesus, everyday.**
- 3. Ask the Holy Spirit to**
- 4. Read the Bible to know what it says about different aspects of life. God’s view is there.**
- 5. Find someone to be your coach and friend through this process**