MIDWEEK STUDY Wednesday, May 10

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself Daily 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

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The gospel (good news) is the focal point of our faith but it does not just relate to our conversion only. The gospel should impact every aspect of our lives every day as believers.

What is the Gospel?

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 explains the key points.
 - Christ died for our sins according to Scriptures.
 - He was buried.
 - He was raised from the dead on the third day according to Scriptures.

Why is this gospel message so important?

- The gospel is the power of God for salvation Romans 1:16
- The gospel reveals the way to be right with God by faith Romans 1:17

How does the gospel change our lives at our salvation/justification?

- You were dead in your sins Ephesians 2:1-3
- But God...made us alive in Christ Jesus...raised us up with Christ Ephesians 2:4-6

How does the gospel impact our lives every day in our sanctification?

"Preaching the gospel to ourselves everyday addresses both the self-righteous Pharisee and guilt-laden sinner that dwells in our hearts." Jerry Bridges – <u>Discipline of Grace</u>

- The gospel shows us that we live by grace Ephesians 2:8-10
- The gospel leads us to rely on the Holy Spirit Romans 8:11
- The gospel truth of God's Word renews our minds 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14, Romans 12:2
- Our faith for living the Christian life is grounded in the gospel

Faith is – man's response to God's initiative.

- Teaches us to live godly lives Titus 2:11-12
- Dying to self and living by faith 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Galatians 2:20
- Our hope for today and for eternity is grounded in the gospel
 - Personal transformation 1 Corinthians 3:18
 - o Abundant life in Christ John 10:10
 - Second coming of Jesus 1 Peter 1:3-5
- Our love for God and others comes from the gospel
 - o God demonstrated His love Romans 5:8
 - We love because He first loved us 1 John 4:9-10

Application

In what ways do you see God working in your life?

What would preaching the gospel to yourself look like in your life and how would that change your walk with the Lord each day?

How would the understanding of the gospel's power effect the way that you pray for the lost and the advance of the Kingdom of God?