

The Church and Its Great Message

2 - The Good News of the Gospel

Colossians 2:6-13

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I. Jesus Christ is the foundation for the Church. Col. 2:6-7, 11-13

- Walk in Him (v. 6)
- Rooted in Him (v. 7)
- Built up in Him (v. 7)

“A healthy church is a church in which every member, young and old, mature and immature, unites around the wonderful good news of salvation through Jesus Christ...More than anything else in the church’s life, the members of a healthy church pray and long to know the gospel more deeply.” (Mark Dever “God’s Good News: The Gospel”)

II. The gospel fuels abundant thankfulness for believers. Col. 2:6-7

“Preaching the gospel to myself every day reminds me of God’s astounding love for me and also of His infinite worthiness to be loved by me above all else. These reminders deliver a one-two punch to my innate self-absorption and leave me increasingly absorbed with Christ and with God’s ultimate plan to gather together all heavenly and earthly things to him.” (Milton Vincent “The Gospel Primer”)

Nothing stirs up thankfulness in the heart of a believer like the good news of the Gospel.

III. Jesus Christ is the only hope for the lost. Col. 2:13

“The supreme indictment that you can bring against a church...is that such a church lacks in passion and compassion for human souls. A church is nothing better than an ethical club if its sympathies for lost souls do not overflow, and if it does not go out to seek to point lost souls to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.” (George W. Truett)

The message of the Church is the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the foundation you stand on, He stirs up thankfulness in believers, and He is the only hope in a dying world.

Jesus brings life to all who repent and trust him. You can be made alive.