

How to be a Healthy Follower (Disciple/Apprentice) of Jesus

Part 2 Living Under the Gospel

1 What might people think of when we say the word gospel? How does the bible talk about it? 1 Cor 15:1 etc. [It's a summary of the life death and resurrection of Jesus which is literally "Good News"]

2 In what ways might we see the gospel merely as the "way in" rather than the "way on", as the "ABC" rather than "A to Z". What does it look like for the gospel to be a lens through which we view al

3 Why do Christians and non-Christians need the gospel?

4 Luther said: *"(The gospel) is also the principal article of all Christian doctrine, wherein the knowledge of all godliness consisteth. Most necessary it is, therefore, that we should know this article well, teach it unto others, and beat it into their heads continually."* We default to rules/works based righteousness so we need to continually reapply the gospel – or have it beaten in to us! How does this happen to you? In what ways does or could the Good News about Jesus be brought regularly to your attention?

5 The gospel is Good News not primarily good advice. What's the difference? What are the implications of living like the gospel is advice rather than news? Do you agree that this is what most people (including many Christians) assume Christianity to be? In every other you're "saved" by the teaching in Christianity you're saved by the teacher.

6 The gospel is primarily a status we gain now (sonship) rather than a reward we gain later. All other religions make it all about the reward therefore there is never any assurance. What are the implications of living as if the gospel were primarily about gaining a future reward? [Note that all you do for God is not actually for God it's for you, it's to gain your reward/merit. Further you will swing between triumph and despair.] It was said in the sermon that it is a mistake to view the gospel as a "second chance". Why is this? What difference does a changed status give us?

7 Pick a whole variety of life circumstances, good and bad (a lot were listed on Sunday). How might viewing these through the lens of the gospel change things?