

Part 2 – June 1, 2010

**“Gospel Basics” (pt. 2)**

**Review**

**Significance of the Gospel**

- We are s\_\_\_\_\_ by the Gospel (**Romans 1:16**)
- We are s\_\_\_\_\_ by the Gospel (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**)
- We are s\_\_\_\_\_ by the Gospel.
- The Gospel is f\_\_\_\_\_ God.
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We read that the Holy Spirit *presses the truth of the Gospel into hearts in a way that transforms them from within* (p. 86) and that this work is called *regeneration* (p. 86), *being born again* (p. 91).

## God's Purpose in Creation

Why does God want to regenerate our hearts, causing us to be born again?

*"...all things were created through Him [Christ] and **for Him**" (Colossians 1:16).*

*"..in it [the Gospel] the **Righteousness of God is revealed...**" (Romans 1:17)*

## The *what* and the *why* of God's Righteousness

- **What** = God is absolutely and forever unique. There is no other Being like God.

*"Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me" (Isaiah 45:21)*

- He exists as One God (**Deuteronomy 6:4**) but in Three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Spirit
- He is perfect and pure—having no flaw, fault, or failure
- **Why** = Because God is Who He is, it is **right** for Him to reveal Himself to us.
- God is the Only Being who is satisfied within Himself about Himself, who is joyful over His rightness, who is pleased within Himself about Himself, who expresses the love He has for Himself within Himself [the Father loves the Son who loves the Father].
- God's moral perfection demands that He feel this way about Himself, because it is **right**. For Him not to feel this way would be wrong.
- And because He is **right** within Himself to feel this way about Himself, it would be selfish of Him not to share Himself with others which is what He does in creating the world.

## The *how* and the *to whom* of God's Righteousness

*"...Let us make man in Our image and after Our likeness..." (Genesis 1:26)*

- God's purpose was to have a creation in which to display Who He is and How He is.
- But.... **Genesis 3:1-7**
- It seemed as if the eternal purpose of God had failed, but God is perfect in all His Being, knowing all things completely and being prepared to meet all contingencies.
- **God was prepared for man's sin.** He was already prepared to deal with it in keeping with His original purpose of declaring His righteousness.

## The Gospel

**Genesis 3:9-21**

**Romans 5:6-15**