



Session 13
Gospel Driven-Part 1

INSTRUCTOR



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Goals

This 14-session course will focus at the Definition of "Christian Spirituality"; a gospel-driven Spirituality; Christ – the goal of our spirituality; the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual formation; 4 aspects of God the Father that are cornerstones in spiritual formation: sovereignty, holiness, love, pleasures of God.

Sessions Overview

1. Foundations
2. Christ as the Foundation
3. The Holy Spirit-Introduction
4. The Holy Spirit and New Birth
5. The Holy Spirit and Control of Body
6. The Holy Spirit and Impressions
7. The Holy Spirit and Help
8. God's Sovereignty
9. God' Holiness
10. God's Love
11. Character Development
12. God's Pleasures
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14. Gospel Driven-Part 2

Session Summary

Christian spiritual formation requires self-examination and God-examination. In this session, we look at part one of being Gospel-driven. Dr. Beck shows us three meanings of the Gospel, and encourages us to remember not only how sinful we are, but in Christ we are so loved.

Fill in the Blanks

1. What are the three meanings for the word Gospel?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. What is the difference between how Christians and non-Christians act on fulfilling their longings? Do you feel that you're looking to God to fulfill your longings?

3. What are the four parts of the Gospel of the salvation of God? Why are these four parts of salvation history connected to your personal identity and longings of the heart?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

4. How would you describe what the Gospel means to you?

5. Memorize: In and of myself, I am more sinful than I ever believed, but in Christ, I am more loved than I ever dared hope.

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6. In your own words, explain the Gospel as the way of the cross.

7. Some Christian communities, in different cultures, tend to swing more towards legalism and liberalism, as opposed to the Gospel Cross. Think about your own Christian community. Which category fits where your community is at? Why do you think that is?

8. How would you describe the difference between self-righteousness and Christ's righteousness? How are we made righteous through Christ?
