

ability and expectations (Romans 6)

freedom and rest (Romans 7)

identity and security (Romans 8)

sovereignty and responsibility (Romans 9-11)

application and obligation (Romans 12-13)

service and accountability (Romans 14-15)

-- The gospel is my...

transformation

interpretation

motivation

exemplification

mobilization

-- The gospel reminds me (in my relationship with others)...

It's a two-way street—they have a responsibility, too

I can't change their heart

But, I can influence them

I am responsible for my own response

I need to love them, but it will look different depending on their response

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A Theology of the Family
No. 9 – Dysfunction
Selected Scriptures

Family

Marriage

Singleness

Husbands

Wives

Parents

Children

Siblings

No. 9 – Dysfunction

Selected Scriptures

God has created family designations—each with respective roles and responsibilities—and He has assigned those family designations to each of us.

These family designations are determined by God (Genesis 1-2)

They are designed by God in such a way that when we handle our respective designations according to His plan it will be for our good

But is this what we typically experience?

The Fall (Genesis 3)

Dysfunction...

Rejection

Inability

As much as each one of us has the *responsibility* to handle our God-given *roles* with regard to our earthly families; but, each one of us also has the *responsibility* to handle our God-given *role* with regard to our *spiritual* family:

- The gospel can enable us to handle family dysfunction well.

Why the gospel?

ESV **Philippians 1:27** Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

ESV **1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

ESV **Romans 16:25** Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Example: Is it possible to act towards others in ways that are *inconsistent* with the gospel we say we believe? Galatians 2:11-14

What is the gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Romans 1:1-4:25

1:1-7 Paul was set apart for the gospel

- The gospel is *about* the Son of God, the Son of David, Jesus Christ
- The gospel is *for* all the nations to obey by faith in Jesus Christ

1:8-17 Paul was eager to preach the gospel

- The gospel is *for* all types of people, and is for both unbelievers and believers
- The gospel is the way unto salvation for anyone who believes, and is the way believers can live by faith

1:18-3:20 The gospel declares that all are under sin

- God's wrath is rightly against any and all who are unrighteous before Him—those who reject God and seek to replace Him
- The unrighteous are those who blatantly reject God as God, and those who, in self-righteousness, think they can achieve God's righteousness

3:21-4:25 The gospel declares that all can be declared righteous

- God put forward His own Son to bear His wrath for us, because everyone else has sinned and fallen short of His glory
- Anyone who receives the Son's work by faith is declared righteous—accepted by God—by grace, not by any merit in themselves

'All are under sin'
(3:9)

'All who believe are declared righteous'
(3:24)

'All under God's wrath'
(3:5-6)

'All who believe are at peace with God'
(5:1)

ESV **Romans 3:**

²² ... For there is no distinction:

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

What can the gospel do?

The gospel gives me eternal life.

The gospel enables me to live faithfully in this life.

-- The gospel can enable us to live faithfully in this life

5:1-21 We can endure all sorts of suffering (cf. 5:1-5)

6:1-23 We can say *no* to using our bodies to sin (cf. 6:12-14)

7:1-25 We can find relief from the distress of duplicity (cf. 7:15-20)

8:1-39 We can live according to the Spirit no matter what (cf. 8:12-15)

9:1-11:36 We can plead with God for the salvation of relatives (cf. 9:1-3)

12:1-13:14 We can love and serve others in ways that are fitting with each relationship (cf. 13:8-10)

14:1-15:7 We can welcome others even with different opinions (cf. 15:7)

-- The gospel can affect my understanding of...
hope and joy (Romans 5)