

Part 3: Gospel Testimony

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)-<u>For freedom Christ has set us free</u>; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

REVIEW

There is one gospel. The gospel can be distorted. There is a danger in distorting the gospel.

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Romans 3:23-24 (ESV)-for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Testimony of Grace

1. LIFE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:13-14 (ESV)- For <u>you have heard of my former life</u> in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

Life before the gospel is <u>effort based</u>.

2. RECEIVING OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:15-16 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and <u>who called me by his grace</u>, <u>was pleased to reveal his Son</u> to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

Receiving the gospel is <u>undeserved</u>.

3. LIFE AFTER THE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:21-23 (ESV)Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only were hearing it said, "<u>He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.</u>

Life after the gospel is transformed.

The heart begins to <u>love</u> the things it used to <u>hate</u>, and <u>hate</u> the things previously <u>loved</u>.

4. RESULT OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:24 (ESV)- And they glorified God because of me.

Isaiah 43:25 (ESV)-"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions \underline{for} my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Ephesians 1:5-6 (ESV)-In love, he predestined us for <u>adoption to</u> <u>himself as sons</u> through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <u>to the praise of his glorious grace</u>, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Here is The Point: A transformed heart is further evidence of the good news!