

CP - 11/20/22

## Acts 10:34-43 - The Gospel: Why, Who, How

### **“Opened his mouth” - (signifies something weighty)**

- Indicates he's about to preach the gospel.
- What does it mean to share the gospel?
  - In the NT, gospel presentation is mainly understood in terms of definite content
  - Content focuses on the Person & work of Jesus (who He is/what He has done)
  - What is added on is how we can receive the benefits of His ministry by faith
  - The life/death/resurrection of Jesus and how by faith we receive the benefits

### **“I understand”**

- Indicates something new

## **1. Why the Gospel? (34–36a)**

- \*God shows no partiality. (34)
  - The Gentile has as much access to salvation as the Jew.
  - Anyone who turns to God will not be rejected because of distinction.
- \*God welcomes the sinner. (35)
  - “acceptable to him” - **a favorable manifestation of God's pleasure**
  - This marks a work that God had already been doing in the sinner's heart.
    - Made him ready for salvation
    - God gets the gospel to those who respond to the He gives.
- \*God makes peace with sinners. (36a)
  - “the word HE sent to Israel” - preaching the good news of peace
  - We are at enmity with God (consciously/unconsciously).

## **2. The Who of the Gospel (36a–43)**

### **Jesus lived:**

- \*Bringer of peace (36)
  - He came to bring peace between God and man / man and man
  - God's offering of peace is through His Son.
  - We have peace with God when His anger is put away and our sins are forgiven.
  - This is the first and last thing Peter says in his sermon.
- \*Lord of all (36)
  - God didn't send just anyone. He sent the Lord of all.
  - He didn't send an errand boy or an angel. He sent the Lord of All
  - Not just the Lord of the Jews, but of the Gentiles. He is the universal ruler
- \*A man anointed with the Spirit and power (38a)
  - the Anointed One - promised one
  - Jesus of Nazareth - He had a hometown known by friends and family.
  - He is the Lord of All and a human like me and you without sin
  - He was fully man and fully God
  - The things he did showed that He was God and sent by God.

**\*Stronger than sin and Satan (38b)**

- “good” = complete goodness
- He did what was good without doing bad.
- He was tempted just like us but was never conquered by it.
- He was stronger than sin.
- By his strength, he broke bonds of oppression by the word of His mouth and might of His hand.
- Jesus rescues those who are oppressed, harassed, tormented, and tempted by the devil.
- Peter wants them to know that Jesus has the power to deliver those who are under oppression.

**Jesus died:**

**\*Killed in spite of His goodness (39)**

- In spite of being the Peacemaker, in spite of being Lord of all, and in spite of being anointed with power and stronger than sin and the devil, he was killed.
- It's evident God must have willed for this to happen (**Acts 4:27-28**).
- Acts - previously spoken of by Peter
- We can't share the gospel without speaking of Christ's death.

**Jesus rose again:**

**\*Alive from the dead and raised by God (40)**

- “Alive” means sufficient payment.
- God accepted the payment.
- God wouldn't leave the Peacemaker dead.
- He raised him and vindicated his name above every name.
- The resurrection was bodily. There were witnesses.

**\*The final judge of all people (commanded to preach this)**

- All men will stand before him, and he is impartial.
- Jesus will decide where you spend eternity.
- What he decides then, you decide now.
- You'll either be justly condemned or pardoned & received into everlasting joy.
- Philippians 2 passage
- What's the difference in the two?

**\*Source of God's forgiveness**

- So that God can show no partiality, welcome the sinner, and make peace.
- Before you meet Jesus as your Judge, you can meet him this morning as your forgiver and peacemaker.
- This is how Peter starts and ends his sermon.

**3. How the Gospel works (43)**

**\*“All who believe”**

- Simple belief
- Trust in him with your life as Lord of all
- Trust him with your life as God's anointed one. He's full of the Spirit and power.

- Trust him with your life as stronger than sin and Satan.
- Trust him with your life as one who died and rose again and lives today.
- Trust him with your life as the one who will judge the living and the dead.
- Trust him with your life as the forgiver of sins.

\*“Receives forgiveness of sins”

- The right to become children of God
- It's a gift.

\*“Through His name”

- Christ is both the source of salvation and the giver of it.
- We trust in Jesus, not anything else.