

LECTURE # 15

NOUTHETIC COUNSELING: AN OPEN DOOR FOR EVANGELISM

I. WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

- A. It is the _____ of the gospel to those who have not heard the good news.
- B. The preaching of the gospel is the means that God has ordained to use to produce the _____ for justification. (Romans 1:16)
- C. Counseling provides a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the gospel.

II. WHO WAS THE GREATEST _____ ?

- A. The _____ is our best model.
- B. Jesus ministered the gospel in the context of _____.

III. WE HAVE THE SAME _____ AND OPPORTUNITY.

- A. Submission to the gospel brings _____
- B. The church offers a _____
- C. People will come for answers and help
- D. Many are searching for _____ and a place of security, love, and acceptance.
- E. Just as the crowds followed Jesus to be healed and fed and blessed, many will come to us hoping to find _____ for their desperate needs.

IV. RECENT OPPORTUNITIES AT WBC**V. MOVING FROM THE _____ NEEDS TO THE _____ NEED**

- A. Another term for felt need is _____ problem
- B. The foundational need of every human being is to have a right _____ with God
- C. Just trying to change behavior results in _____ and _____
- D. Ability to walk in true righteousness is only through transformation of the human heart based solely on the _____ work of Christ.
- E. Analogy of the cracked drywall caused by a poor foundation

VI. A PRIMARY GOAL: PRESENT THE _____

- A. Our first priority as counselors is to call the counselee into a relationship with God through faith in Christ and repentance from his sins.
- B. Pre-counseling is _____ because few people understand the true gospel.
- C. Deficiencies of the modernized gospel.
 - 1. _____ centered instead of _____ centered
 - 2. Minimization of _____ and depravity
 - 3. Emphasis on man's response instead of God's _____
- D. Holding to the true gospel is essential (Galatians 1:6-12)

VII. WE MUST _____ THE GOSPEL TO PRESENT IT

- A. Needs to be more than a _____ understanding
- B. Often a canned presentation is not effective
- C. We need to be able to communicate the gospel in an accurate, understandable way
- D. What is the gospel?

The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ, the righteous Son of God came to earth, lived a perfect life of obedience, died upon the cross a Calvary for sinners, and rose again from the dead. Through his work, Jesus Christ alone provides both forgiveness from one's sins and presents one as righteous before God the Father. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8:

VIII. SIX ESSENTIAL GOSPEL DOCTRINES

- A. Biblical Concept of the Nature and Person of _____
 - 1. Not a bigger version of man – rather _____
 - 2. _____ and sustainer of all matter and life
 - 3. He has the right to demand and require the creation's obedience and loyalty Revelation 4:11
 - 4. He is perfectly righteous and holy; that is His perfect standard I John 1:5
- B. Biblical Concept of _____
 - 1. Person and work of Christ is the _____ of the gospel
 - 2. Christ is the perfect and true _____ of God
 - 3. Christ is eternal and co-existent with the Father and Spirit
 - 4. Christ took on _____; He never ceased to be God, but took on the form of a man so He could bear the penalty for our sin and be the sacrifice needed to satisfy the righteous requirements of God on our behalf.

5. Christ died to _____ the elect of God. Through His death, Christ paid the penalty for sin, not His own, for He was sinless, but the sins of all those who put their full faith and trust in Him. His death satisfied the righteous requirements of the law. In His death, Christ took the place of sinners. Their sin was imputed to Christ, and Christ's righteousness was imputed to them. II Cor 5:21
6. Christ is coming back, and when He returns He will _____ every man according to his works.

C. Biblical Concept of the _____

1. The Bible is a unique book, it is the very Word of God, and therefore _____.
2. It is _____ to address the needs of our lives.
II Peter 1:2-4

D. Biblical Concept of _____

1. Major difference from psychologically based counseling
2. Man is God's _____ (Genesis 2-3)
3. Man is _____, weak, and limited in contrast to God who is infinite and omnipotent
4. Man is _____, as opposed to God who is _____.
5. Man has a spirit, being created in the _____ of God (Gen. 2:7)
6. Man is distinct from animal creation; he is moral, he has a conscience
7. He can make moral choices, and is therefore morally responsible
8. All men are born in Adam, and have inherited a _____ nature
9. This nature manifests in sinful actions, _____, and choices
10. Because man is a sinner, apart from God's grace, not one _____ God
11. Man stands guilty before a holy God; Sin is at the root of all problems
12. In Christ, man can be _____ and set free from sin

E. The Doctrine of _____

1. Answers the question, “How can a sinner be righteous and therefore accepted and in fellowship with a holy God.”
2. Definition for justification: Justification is that act whereby God, on the sole basis of Jesus Christ’s redemptive work, declares sinners not only as forgiven, but also as _____ before God. The righteousness that God requires of those whom He adopts as His sons is therefore a foreign righteousness rather than a natural one.
3. To be justified is to have a right _____ before God. It is being counted righteous and without sin.
4. The sole means of obtaining this type of righteousness is through _____ in Christ, as opposed to good works.

F. The Distinction Between _____ and Justification.

1. Both are aspects of salvation, but are distinct.
2. Justification is _____ of God; there is no human element in justification.
3. Justification comes to us the moment we believe, and that faith is a _____.
4. Once we are justified, then we begin the process of spiritual growth, which is _____. The primary goal of Biblical counseling is the progressive sanctification of a believer more and more into the image of Christ Jesus.
5. This putting off of sinful habits and putting on of righteous behavior does not merit God’s favor, but is rather enabled by His favor which was a free gift that He chose to bestow upon us.
6. Sanctification also comes through the power of the _____, not merely our human effort.