

The Fourfold Gospel

Christ our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, & Coming King

Our Savior

I. Nicodemus Comes for Answers

- A. The Possibility & Necessity of New Birth
- B. John 3:3—unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God
- C. Numbers 21:8-9--The serpent in the wilderness—Look and live
- D. John 3:14-18--God did not send His Son to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved

II. The Disciples Come for Answers

- A. John 14:5-6—Jesus is the way, both the truth & the life; no one comes to the Father except through Him
- B. The singularity and exclusivity of Jesus as the way to the Father
- C. Romans 3:23-26—Jesus justifies us by the righteousness of God

III. Why Is It Important That We Understand the New Birth (New Life in Christ)

- A. Ephesians 1:15-17—Paul prays that the Ephesians will understand what it means to have life in Christ, to actually be IN Christ through the new birth
- B. Ephesians 1:17--We need a spirit of wisdom and revelation (eyes open to understanding) in the true knowledge of Christ
- C. Ephesians 1:18-19 (and following)—we need to understand:
 - 1. what is the hope of His calling
 - 2. what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (believers)
 - 3. what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe

IV. The Heart of God and the Need of People

- A. 1 Timothy 2:3-6—God desires everyone to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth; he wants us to understand what He has done for us in Christ Jesus
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21—we are new creatures through the new birth, therefore God has given us the word of reconciliation; we are ambassadors for Christ urging everyone to be reconciled to God