



Titus Ten – Chapter #2

Gospel

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Introduction & Discussion Questions: Good morning, Let's pray.

- Last time, we looked at what it means for men to exercise the call to dominion; what are some of the key areas in which we as men of God are to exercise dominion?
- What was one key point or new truth you took away from the Dominion session?

Summary of Chapter 2 – Gospel:

- **Author's main point:** The gospel is the only pathway out of a distorted view of manhood back to God's original intention for manhood.
 - Our problem is sin and brokenness. Sin is rebellion against a holy God. Brokenness is the effect of that rebellion in our lives and the world around us. To help us understand these terms, the author used the example of a rock thrown into what was a still body of water. Where the rock hits the water, is our sin disturbing the peace of God in our lives. The ripples that flow out is the brokenness of our sin going to places outside our control, outside of whatever we were doing and impacting people and circumstance well outside of however we were rebelling against God in the first place. And one of the places that is impacted by our sin and brokenness is God's original intention for manhood.
 - If you remember from last week, we are to have dominion. We are to work and keep what the Lord has given us. But sin and brokenness take what we have been given by God and distorts it. We are either too aggressive with these roles (we unlovingly dominate and discourage others) or we are passive with these roles (we don't act or speak when we should). And this goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve.
 - Since, the gospel is the only pathway out of a distorted view of manhood and back to God's original intent, it's vital that we get the gospel right. There are so many false gospels out there. This has been an issue since the days of the Apostles. Paul warned in Galatians chapter 1 about "other" gospels, that were in fact, not the gospel. Even so, there were those who were peddling a false gospel. / Even if you have only ever heard the correct gospel. The fallen human heart can twist the true gospel about Jesus into a false gospel where we take glory and prominence that should belong only to Christ.

- **So, what is the true gospel?** Well, we are fortunate in that this little letter to Titus actually contains two sections detailing for us the gospel: chapter 2:11-14 and chapter 3:3-7. Let me read both of these sections to you.
 - Titus 2:11-14 – For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his possession who are zealous for good works.
 - Titus 3:3-7 – For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- **Four Gospel Truths:** The author draws attention to four gospel truths found in these passages.
 - **Truth #1:** The first is, sin has enslaved you. This is the situation of all people, without exception. It's a situation that we are helpless to change on our own. Sin is our primary problem. It's not your children. It's not your job. It's not your spouse or the lack of a spouse. Sin is our primary problem in this life.
 - **Truth #2:** Now, even though we can do nothing about our sin problem, there is hope for us. That brings us to our second truth, God is pursuing you. Both of the Titus passages start out with our foolishness and rebelliousness and into that foolishness and rebelliousness we see that God "appeared." God showed up. We are a mess in every way. And yet, God entered into our mess through sending Jesus.
 - **Truth #3:** The third gospel truth tells us the purpose in God's appearance: Jesus came to redeem you. Redeem means to purchase and it connects back to the first truth about us being enslaved to our sin. When Jesus came and died on the cross, he paid the price to bring us out of our slavery to sin and into His family.
 1. I'm going to quote the book on page 47, "Through redemption, Jesus has purchased you, released you from slavery, and brought you to Himself. He has made it possible for you to have your manhood restored."
 2. Without this redemption, you are still enslaved to your sin and you will operate out of that enslavement. You will continue to make selfish and foolish decisions because that is all you can do. But after coming to Christ in faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are able to practice godly manhood.
 - **Truth #4:** And that brings us to the fourth truth, Salvation restores you. Through faith in Jesus, we are made right with God and our future with God is secure. AND, we are also able to live for God today. We are able to practice the faith. As chapter 2 verse 14 states, we can now do good works.

- **The Role of Good Works:** In our enslavement to sin, good works weren't possible. Even the stuff that looked good, we were still doing them to honor ourselves and not God, which means our supposed good actions were still sinful and the ripples of brokenness would still be in our lives. / BUT after coming to faith in Christ, we are truly able to do good works for God's glory. And instead of ripples of brokenness, we are creating ripples of Christlikeness, which is good for all.

Closing Challenge:

- **Challenge:** And so, this chapter is pressing upon us the necessity of a decision. If you want to live this life the way God intended. If you want to be with God when this life is over. Then we have to take the path of the gospel. You have to come to God in prayer, confessing what we have been talking about. I'm a sinner. I have rebelled against God and there is nothing I can do on my own to change my situation. My only hope is God. God please forgive me of my sins and help me live for you.
- **My Personal Testimony:** Some of you have heard my story. I was 16 years old when I prayed to receive Christ. I was on my front porch. Three people from a bible believing church came to my house and shared the gospel with me. After believing in Christ, my life was completely different. I wasn't perfect and I'm still not perfect. But I am no longer a slave to sin. I am able to follow God's commands. And this ability is all because of what God has done. It's all because of the Gospel. //
- **Queue the Video:** Alright, we are about to play the video. As we watch the video and as we prepare for discussion, it's vital that we reflect upon the gospel. We are unable to change apart from God's work in our lives through Jesus. Have you believed in Jesus for salvation? / Or are you trusting in a different gospel? // Despite what you might think, there's only one. And the true gospel isn't about you, but is about what Jesus has done to rescue us from sin and to bring us into His family.

Questions or Comments?

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