

Gospel: The Four Protestant gospels

May 15, 2022

Matthew 19:16-25



This morning we continued our Gospel series. Toran shared the “Four Protestant gospels” and why they are, each in their own way, incomplete. How we understand salvation and the gospel will determine the trajectory of our life and loves.

Getting Started

On Sunday, Toran began by showing a famous Apple commercial from 1984. This was a very famous and influential commercial. What is one of your favorite or most influential commercials you’ve seen?

Read

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Digging Deeper

- In the text above, the rich young ruler asks about “eternal life”. Jesus defines “eternal life” in John 17:3 as more qualitative than quantitative. How does this impact you? Is there anything else from the text above that stands out?
- Toran defined and explained the “four Protestant gospels” (listed below). Of these four, which one do you connect with the most? Which was the most disruptive for you?
- We closed our time by being reminded the goal of this series: to (re)discover Jesus’ gospel. This will help us (1) Be with Jesus, (2) Become like Jesus, (3) and Do the things that Jesus did. Of these three things, which has this series helped you with the most?

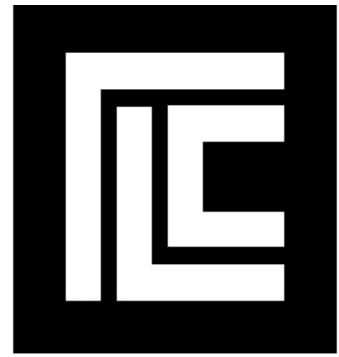


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The Four Protestant Gospels...

1. The Evangelical Gospel:

“You are a sinner going to hell, God loves you, Jesus died on the cross for your sins, if you believe in Him you will go to heaven when you die.”

2. The Reformed Gospel:

“God is a perfectly just, holy God of both love and wrath and you are morally guilty before him and God’s demands must be kept and you cannot possibly do it but Jesus did it for you on the cross.”

3. The Prosperity Gospel:

“God loves you, is for you, you are His child, you are royalty made in the image of God and through his death and resurrection he won the victory and his victory is your inheritance by faith over sickness, poverty and failure, the best is yet to come and your breakthrough is on the way.”

4. Social (or liberation) Gospel:

“Jesus was a political revolutionary who came to liberate the poor and marginalized from the hierarchy of oppression. He was killed as a threat to the status quo of empire, but he inaugurated a kingdom of peace and justice and equality. America is the latest iteration in a long line of empires, Jesus is on the march now as he was then to stand up against those who abuse power and to liberate those on the margins, such as the poor, the immigrant, the refugee the BIPOC community, LGBTQ community and many more. The church’s role is essentially an activist role to move America toward a progressive and socialist political model.”



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