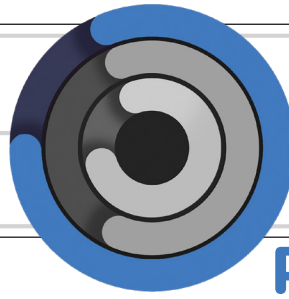




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REACH OTHERS

REACH: Represent

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-20

I. We represent Jesus in every area of _____.

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 20

II. We represent Jesus by spreading His _____.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures ... 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The gospel is the good news about Jesus, who paid for our sin.

1. Everyone has sinned and been separated from a holy God. (Rom 3:23)
2. Jesus died for our sins to reconcile us back to a holy God. (Rom 5:8)
3. You can accept God's free gift of salvation by grace through faith. (Eph 2:8-9)
4. Anyone who accepts Jesus' gift is a new creation. (2 Cor 5:17)

III. We represent Jesus by showing others His _____ that displays His distinctiveness.

"You are the light of the world. ... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14a, 16

IV. We represent Jesus by beginning spiritual _____ that lead to telling of His love.

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ACTS 1:8

THE GOSPEL IS ...

God's message to a lost world

God's solution to humankind's sin

God's free gift for anyone to accept

God's invitation to eternal life

THE GOSPEL IS NOT ...

A message reserved for only the preacher

A set of moral standards to uphold

A promise of health, wealth and prosperity

An invitation to follow anyone other than Jesus

HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

1. If you were assigned to be the U.S. ambassador to another country, what would that role entail? List as many aspects as you can and note how the role would affect your daily life.
 2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. What is significant about being an ambassador for Jesus Christ? How does it differentiate us from the rest of the world? How does it affect how you view others?
 3. What areas of your life do you consider as core to your identity? How do you see this in the way you introduce yourself to others?
 4. Have you ever had a situation occur when the question of "Who am I?" felt unclear because of a change in your circumstances or understanding? How did that experience change or shape you?
 5. How does centering our identity in Jesus provide stability to our sense of self, even as our seasons and circumstances change? What truths about our identity in Him are unchanging?
 6. After hearing this sermon, how well would you say you represent Jesus as His ambassador? How firmly do you stand on the concept of your identity in Jesus?
- For deeper study on your identity in Christ, read Ephesians 1 and 2, and 1 Peter 2.*

HELPFUL Quotes

There was no identity crisis in the life of Jesus Christ. He knew who He was. He knew where He had come from, and why he was here. And he knew where He was going. And when you are that liberated, then you can serve. - Howard Hendricks

Because [God] loves me and He accepts me, I do not have to do things just to build up my resume. I do not have to do things to make me look good. I can do things for the joy of doing them. I can help people to help people - not so I can feel better about myself, not so I can fill up the emptiness. - Tim Keller

God treated Jesus on the cross as if He lived your life so He could treat you as if you lived His. - John MacArthur

Christian people; your one business in life is to lead men to believe in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and every other thing should be made subservient to this one object; if you can but get them saved, everything else will come right in due time. - Charles Spurgeon

The glory of God, and, as our only means of glorifying Him, the salvation of souls is the real business of life - C. S. Lewis

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death - eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!