

**LESSON EIGHT:
PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER**

Do you not know... what God's estimate of the gospel is? Do you not know that it has been the chief subject of His thoughts and acts from all eternity?

He looks on it as the grandest of all His works.

-Charles Spurgeon

Grace Church

NEW LIFE, NEW COMMUNITY, NEW PURPOSE

Building new lives and new communities with the Gospel

Summary

Gospel centered

Essentially Reformed

Charismatic dimension

1. The Gospel teaches us the character of God and man
 - Do all theology from the cross, never abstract
 - Holiness, wisdom, love, sovereignty and freedom, etc
 - What sort of thing is sin that it requires such a sacrifice?
 - What sort of thing is hell?

2. The Gospel tells of the gracious act of God to save us, beginning in eternity past
 - I did not choose God, he chose me
 - Story from eternity to eternity

3. The Gospel is the complete purchase of our certain salvation
 - End of all religious activity
 - End of all moral improvement
 - End of all political salvation

4. The Gospel is the basis and purpose for the giving of the Spirit
 - Jesus, completing the work, pours out the Spirit to apply it
 - Spirit of God is primary in this age

5. The Gospel defines our personal purpose and the standard of our lives
 - Jesus died to make us holy
 - Spirit given to make us holy
 - Holiness in life, marriage, family, work commends the Gospel

6. The Gospel teaches us the value of the local church
 - Jesus died for his priceless bride
 - Spirit given to form the bride and perfect her

7. The Gospel provides the basis for true community
 - Jesus death puts an end to the pride that divides us
 - Level ground at the cross and the practice of fellowship

8. The Gospel directs us in the life and leadership of the church
 - Jesus heads the church
 - Spirit gifts the church and nourishes through gifted members
 - Jesus shepherds the church through Spirit appointed and qualified male leaders

9. The Gospel is for all people
 - Jesus died for people of all nations, already given to him by the Father
 - Spirit given to convict of sin, empower witness
 - Multiplication of “kingdom outposts” (local churches)

Becoming a member
Pastoral get acquainted

Membership policies: reconciliation and correction

Doctrinal support

Home group commitment

Leadership oversight