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Part 2 of 2 Why are we here?

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Why does Hope Community Bible Church exist?

We exist to make Jesus' priority, our priority.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Mark 1:38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

In the Christian & Missionary Alliance our core values guide the direction of our churches:

Lost People matter to God, he wants them found.

How do we accomplish this?

By keeping the Gospel at the center of why we exist and what we do.

What is the Gospel?

Salvation from the persuasion of sin. -Called

Salvation from the power of sin. -Regeneration

Salvation from the penalty of sin. -Justification

Salvation from the position of sin. -Adoption

Salvation from the practice of sin. -Sanctification

Salvation from the presence of sin. -Glorification

Titus 2:11–13 *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,*

The Gospel is about entirely what God has done, (past grace) is doing now (present grace) and will do for us (future grace).

Am I a Believer?

The best way to determine this is to ask, "what is a saving faith?"

Everyone believes in something, the question is not "do we believe?" but "what do we believe in?"

For the Christian it is not a list of actions, not a "what" but a "who."

We cannot wait to ask this, the need is urgent.

People tend to die the way they live.

Last week we asked ourselves if we were impressed by Christ or surrendered to him?

To become one with Jesus Christ, a person must be willing not only to give up sin, but also to **surrender their whole way of looking at things**.

The first thing we must surrender is all of our pretense or deceit.

The only thing we can present to him is real, solid sin.

It is all or nothing-He gave all because we had nothing to save ourselves.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Take this with you...

Making Jesus' priority, our priority.

Bringing the Gospel to the center of all we do here at Hope Church

Being surrendered to Christ.

Great theology or a firm grasp of doctrine are not powerful enough.

The difference between a surrendered life and an impressed life is the motivation of the heart.

