

Stuffing Turkey with the Gospel

I. Announce:

- A. **Slide1-5 Andrew:** Dismiss Kids. **Griefshare.** DC. Foundations. Unfolding Gospel.
- B. **Slide6 C@R mtg:** next Sun, Aug. 16th, 3-5pm in the courtyard. **The Lick family** will be sharing about *the New Adventure* the Lord is taking them on! Come **listen, support, and pray** for them! Here's an interesting/horrible fact: **During COVID**, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has seen a **90.46% increase** of calls to the Cyber tip Line, **and** the National Human Trafficking Hotline has seen a **40% increase** in calls. :([God has uniquely prepared this family for this imp step in helping *at risk individuals*]
- C. **Slide7 Wed Night New Series: Identity in Christ, Living Our Identity.** Pstr Dan will be talking about Our Identity of being *His Bride*.
1. God is the Only One who has the authority to tell you who you are!
- D. **Slide8 Rita's Ice-Custard Happiness** - will be here available for purchase after service tonight. *Italian Ice, Frozen Custard, or Gelati.*

II. Slide9 Intro:

- A. In 2014 **Larry, Wayne & I** visited a **gas-station mini-mosque** in **Indonesia**. We had grown out *goatees* so we wouldn't stick out, **ha!** The **head mufti** came in & greeted all 3 of us w/*durkey, durkey, durkey* [We asked our friend there what **durkey** meant? He explained, *he thought you were from Turkey. You pass!*]
1. We move from the *Grecian Island* of **Cyprus** & **head to Durkey w/Paul**.
 2. **Title: Stuffing Turkey with the Gospel.**
- B. Here we have the **3rd longest sermon** in the book fo **Acts**. It's Paul's 1st & it's a **3-Part Sermon:** Introduction (16b-25) Proclamation (26-37) Application (38-52).
1. **Before I read this, note...** **God** is the subject of every verb. **He's** the Actor behind history. History **is** going somewhere. **And, God doesn't do random!**

2. Note also, *Paul knows the Gospel but also knows people*. [we should strive for the same] (some Seminary's offer *Interpersonal Relationship Skills Courses*, but now you can take it **online**...*What?*) blogs/blocks
3. **Slide10** 1 more thing: *People know stories of the Bible, but not **The Story of the Bible***. I'm just going to do a *running commentary* with the sermon.
 - a) Know the main point: *Jesus is the **Hero** of the Bible & in Him you can know **Forgiveness & Freedom!*** [AL - Gospel Survey]
4. *READ 16b-41

III. Slide11a **PAUL PREACHES (13-41)**

A. **LEADERSHIP CHANGE** (13,14)

B. From *Barnabas & Paul* to *Paul & his party*.

C. *John Mark* returns/resigns/defects from the mission.

1. **Thoughts**: Missed his mommy in Jer? Didn't like authority change? Malaria? Too physical?(3600' climb after long boat ride). Acts 15 *one who deserted him*.

D. **Slide11b TRAVEL MAP** – From island of Cyprus (Paphos) north to Turkey.

1. *Perga* – is 12 miles inland in the province known as Pamphylia.

- a) Greek city, large Temple (Artemis) [Diana of the Ephesians]

2. *Antioch in Pisidia* – is a 100 mile trip on foot through rugged mountains.

[region infested w/bandits & mosquitoes who preyed on travelers] *malaria*

E. *Antioch/Pisidia* is in the region of *Galatia*. Soon after Paul ministered there he wrote his 1st epistle to the churches, the epistle to the **Galatians**.

F. **Slide11c,12a PAUL'S 1st SERMON** (16b-41)

G. (38,39_{key vss}) **Forgiveness** – Jews would find forgiveness on *the day of Atonement*.

But it had to be repeated *year after year*, because sins could not be forgiven *once for all* (in OT).

1. Never before **defined**, only **typified** by sending away scapegoat.
2. OT heard a lot of sins being **covered** now being **taken away**.

3. **Jesus saves us from:** the **penalty** of sin/**past**, the **power** of sin/**presently**, & one day/**future** from the **presence** of sin.

H. **Slide12b Freed/Justified/judicially vindicated from all things** – This is Christianity's most important theological truth, *justification by faith*. (justified by *believing* not by *doing*)

1. This is a **legal term** that implies **full acquittal**.

2. Once justification takes place it **does not** need to be repeated time after time. **The record is wiped clean**.

3. **Who can be justified?** Paul was perfectly clear by repeating it twice, both **Jews & God-fearers**, aka *Gentiles* (16 & 26).

4. **Slide12c Jews** said the message of salvation was *keep the Law*. **Paul's** new message of salvation...**believe** (39).

5. We explain the word **Justified** by saying (*just-if-i'd never sinned*) **yes...** **but** we must also add, (*just-if-i'd always obeyed*).

a) This *right standing before God* doesn't just raise us up from negative to **neutral**, **but** negative to **positive**.

b) It's not just sins *forgiveness* **but also** the *righteousness* of Jesus put into our **account**. It's forensic. It's judicial. And, its **results...**? **Read 42-52**

IV. **Slide13a RESULTS IN SHARING THE GOOD NEWS (42-52)**

A. **Slide13b** Some people say, *I'd like to hear some more* (42). Other people decided to **follow** Paul and Barnabas, *not just physically* (43). Others were just flat out **hostile** against them **and** their message (45). [will it be *any different* with **us** as we share **His Good News?**]

B. **Slide14** And as many as were appointed to *eternal life* believed - *eternal life* doesn't only signify **an endless existence**, speaks to **quality** of life, **not** just the **quantity**. It speaks to his **character**, not just its **duration**.

1. **Eternal life is** when He brings us from spiritual death **to** *spiritual life*.

2. **Eternal life is** experiencing the life of Christ. *He who has the Son has life*

3. **Eternal life is** a new life. *All things become new*.

4. **Eternal life has** changed bondage to freedom. *Christ has made us free.*
5. **Eternal life is** *for doing the will of God from the heart.* Eph.6:6

C. **And the disciples were filled with Joy and w/the HS -**

1. **Slide15 The smile that won't come off** - some years ago an advertisement firm came up with this slogan for their food product. **That** in **eating it** it would give you a **smile that won't come off**.
2. 1Jn.1:4 John says, *these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*
 - a) **See,** after the **war with sin** comes **peace with God & peace within.**
Oh, and Joy. Deep satisfaction. Pardon. Life. Freedom. Healing. Cleansing. Comfort. & Soul-Refreshment.

D. A conference at a *certain* church in Omaha. People were given **helium-filled balloons** and told to **release them** at some point in the service when they felt like expressing the **joy in their hearts**. This church wasn't normally free to express themselves. All through the service balloons ascended, **but** when it was over, 1/3 of the balloons were **unreleased**.
Let your balloon go!

E. **End:** Ps.16:11 **In Your presence** is fullness of joy, at Your **right hand** pleasures forevermore.

F. Lets go enjoy...**Rita's Ice-Custard Happiness** - is here for purchase. *Italian Ice, Frozen Custard, or Gelati.*