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A Service of Celebration and Covenantal Renewal

November 1, 2009

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP GOD

We gather to worship our God in spirit and in truth...

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; ² O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³ If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH MUSIC

AFFIRMING THE GOSPEL WE BELIEVE—

The Heidelberg Catechism

60 Q. How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still ever inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR THE GOSPEL TODAY—

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 1—

This Gospel:

Engaging the good news of Jesus—for heart and world

Colossians 1:6 - *All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.*

REPENTANCE

(Lesson 5, The Gospel-Centered Life)

I. The Gospel Frees Us for a Life of Repentance and Faith

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 - We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³ We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

When the Gospel Comes with Power ...

- **Faith works**
- **Love labors**
- **Hope endures**
- **There is deep conviction of sin**
- **There is joy given by the Holy Spirit**
- **There is repentance from idols**
- **There is love for Jesus and servanthood toward God**

Notes:

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 2

II. Marks of Gospel-Centered Repentance

It's oriented toward God, not me. Psalm 51:4:

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...”

It's motivated by godly sorrow and not just selfish

regret. 2 Cor. 7:10: Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

It's concerned with the heart, not just with external

actions. Psalm 51:10: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

It looks to Jesus for deliverance from the penalty and

power of sin. Acts 3:19-20: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

“In repentance, we confess our tendency to shrink the cross through performance and pretending. We pull our affections away from false saviors and fraudulent sources of righteousness and turn to Jesus as our only hope.”

Notes:

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, THE FEAST OF

REPENTANT FAITH—

Bringing our needs to the Father's good heart and Jesus' glorious riches.

Welcome to our celebration of the Lord's Supper. All who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior are invited to be served. If you do not profess saving faith in Jesus, we ask that you refrain from taking communion and encourage you to prayerfully consider speaking with a Pastor or Elder. To receive the bread and cup—the body and blood of Christ broken and shed for you— please come forward to the nearest table and an Elder will serve you. Elders and Deacons are available to help guide you. If you cannot come to the table, please let a Deacon or Elder know and you will be served at your seat. For your information—the outside ring of the service tray is filled with grape juice; the rest of the inside rings are filled with wine.

Breath of Grace

Verse 1

Breathe your breath of grace

Over our estates

Our transgressions now confessions to you

Verse 2

Let your mercy fall

Fresh upon us all

Send your Spirit, we are desperate for you

Desperate for you

Chorus

You are holy, Merciful One

And we fall down at your feet

We are broken needing your love

Only You can set us free

Verse 3

Wash away our sin

Cleanse us from within

Undeserving, so unworthy we come

Father we come

Chorus

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Breathe your breath of grace

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RESPONSE TO THE LORD THROUGH GIVING—

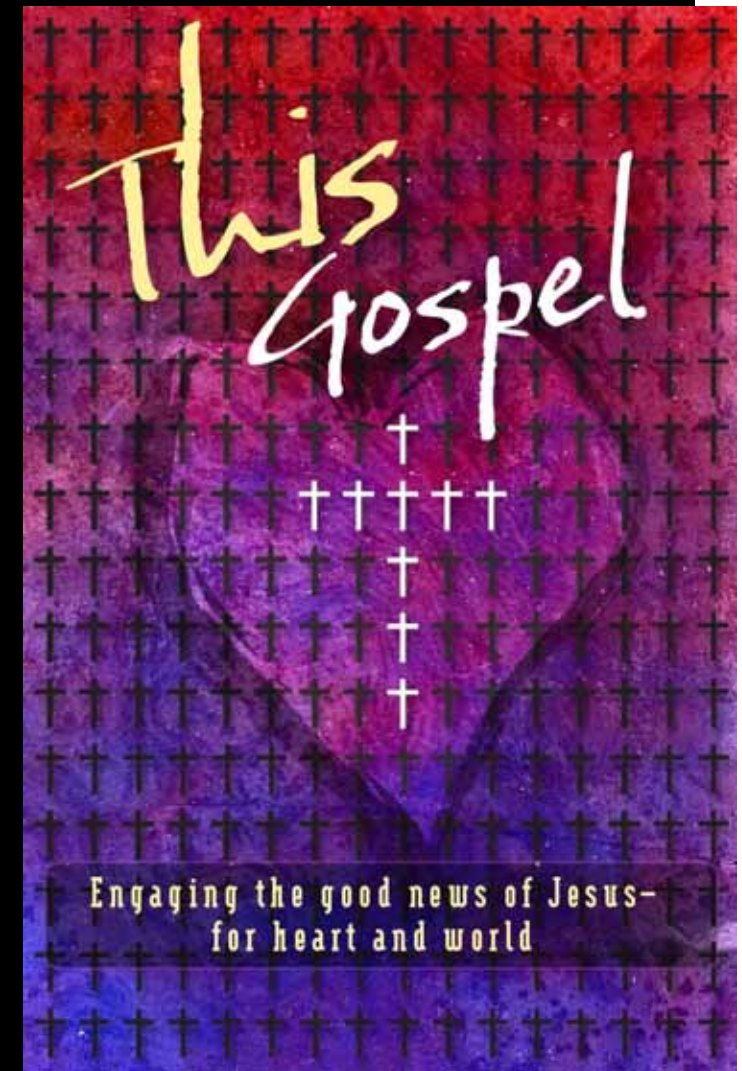
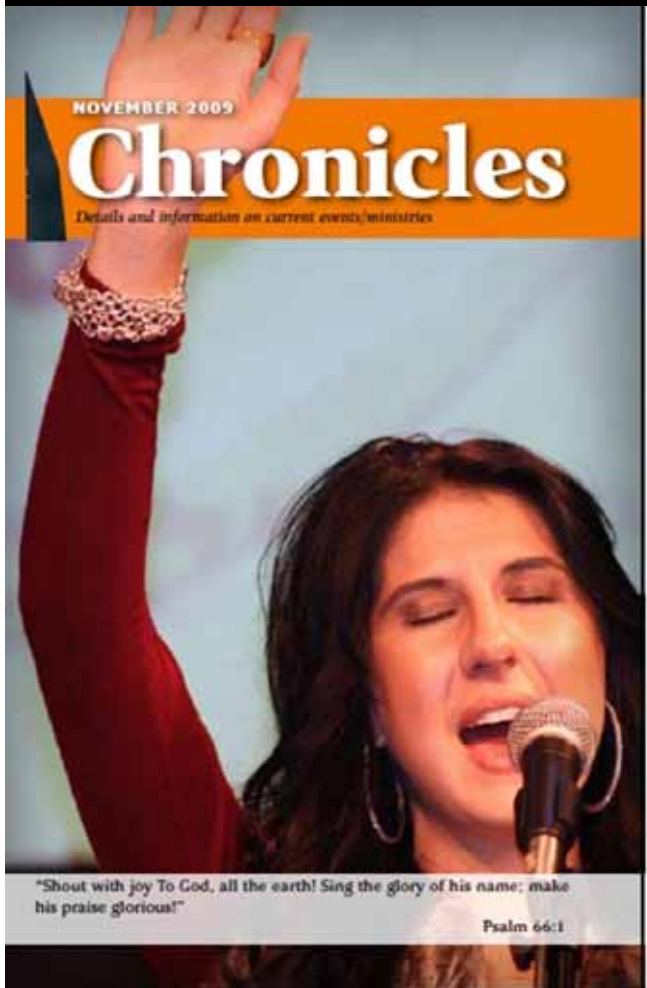
DEACONS OFFERING

BENEDICTION—

2 Corinthians 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What had the most impact on you today from our time in God's worship and Word? What was encouraging, convicting, and/or calling for more clarification?
2. Survey your background, with respect to the concept of repentance. What was some of the worse teaching you ever received on repentance—of both legalistic and libertarian varieties?
3. How would you define and describe repentance motivated and fueled by the gospel of God's grace?
4. What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? How do you know when you are experiencing each of these?
5. Typically, what sabotages or short circuits your repentance? That is, what excuses do you usually offer in the place of repenting over your sins?
6. How does running to Jesus in repentant faith bring “times of refreshing from the Lord”?
7. Close with a good season of prayer for one another.



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