

Christ's Community

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I. Introduction

A. Shalom – Adam & Eve fracture – fig leaves (Don't say He spoke too much)

B. Our fig leaves – Community/Intimacy – fear, risk, uncertainty

C. God's plan to redeem & reconcile – restore Shalom

D. History:

a. 2000 B.C. Abram

b. All of Old Testament

c. Is. 45:22 Turn to me, and be saved all you ends of the earth

d. John 10:15-16 one Shepherd, one flock

e. Gal. 3:28 neither Jew nor Greek

f. Psalm 22 – proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn

g. Mat. 28 Great Commission

h. Acts 2 HS comes – Pentecost – 3000 men – church begins

i. Acts 10 Cornelius first Gentile saved

j. Acts 15 (39 A.D.) Saul becomes Paul – preaches to the Gentiles

k. 42 A.D. Mark goes to Egypt

l. 174 A.D. first Christians reported in Austria

m. 280 A.D. Christians form churches in N. Italy

n. 350 A.D. 31.7 million Christians. 50% of Roman Empire

- o. 432 A.D. Patrick goes to Ireland
- p. 596 A.D. Gregory the Great sends Augustine to England – 10,000 converts
- q. 635 A.D. 1st missionaries to China
- r. 900 A.D. missionaries go to Norway
- s. 1200 A.D. Bible to 22 languages
- t. 1498 A.D. 1st Christians reported in Kenya
- u. 1630 A.D. Puritans come to America
- v. 1996 A.D. Dave Soto comes to Austin
- w. 2006 Morning Star Christian Church becomes CCC
- x. 2007 CCC moves to this property on Hwy 183
- y. 2009 many changes and locations, here we are
 - 1. Our heritage – God’s purpose – our responsibility
 - 2. 1 Peter 2:10
 - 3. God’s sovereignty – not just a service – community centered on the Gospel
 - 4. We are called to be a people living life centered on the Gospel

II. What is the Gospel?

- A. 2 Cor. 5:21
- B. Luther – The Great Exchange
- C. God created – Man Rebelled – Jesus Substitutes – God sends
- D. Centered on this – saves us, directs us, governs us
- E. Through History God has called – preach the Gospel, love unlovable, serve city

III. 2 Obstacles

A. Idolatry

1. Idols in India
2. Anything that takes position of glory
3. Luther "A god means that from which we are to expect all good and to which we are to take refuge in all distress."
4. Luther – 1st two commandments – Root sin/Fruit sin
5. Genesis – Made to worship – who or what are you worshipping
6. Rom. 1:25
7. Functional Hell + Functional Savior = worship
8. Magazine covers
9. Rom. 11:36-12:2 Glory – Dedicate – Sacrifice – Worship
10. Wife and Kids for me – Pride
11. Good things – God things – Bad things
12. Idolatry destroys – us in center – love me, use you, use God
13. Parasite vs. Member
14. Jesus position of Glory – love Him, love others, love ourselves

B. Religion

1. "If I do...then God will love me."
2. My personal struggle with this – performance driven
3. Good vs Bad mentality – Us vs Them view of life – We're good, they're bad

4. "I read, I pray, I tithe...I'm better, God must love me.
5. Compares – good people, bad people – ask anyone
6. Gospel – repentant bad & unrepentant bad
7. Rom. 3:23, Rom. 3:12, Rom. 5:8
8. Religion is works – Gospel is grace
9. Religion "I earn righteousness" – Gospel "Righteous in Jesus alone"
10. Religion uncertainty – Gospel confidence
11. Religion – Pride or Despair

IV. Conclusion

- A. Called to be community of Christ Followers
- B. Gospel alone keeps us in right direction
- C. Keeps us from false idols – Keeps us from pride
- D. From chasing the wind – from losing all hope
- E. From looking like the world – from looking down our noses at the world
- F. Not pursuing created things – we already have the Creator
- G. Not trying to win God's love – He's already won us with His
- H. Stay centered on Gospel (explain again) it is then we can love God, others, world
- I. Gospel is common denominator to 1 Peter 2:10
- J. 2000 B.C. – 2009 A.D. – continue the legacy
- K. Call to Respond (worship through singing, giving, communion, prayer)