

CBNW Enrichment Conference

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Monday evening: What is the Gospel?

Ya'll are sinners

Jesus came and died for you so you can have forgiveness of sins and give you eternal life so you can go to heaven.

Bad news

1. Dead = separate from God.
2. You follow the devil and his realm. You worship the wrong god.
3. We are addicted to stuff, evil desires.
4. God is mad at us.

Good news

Revelation: What God Did

1. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. He is Second person of the Trinity, who lives with us as a perfectly Spirit filled human (most of the time)
2. He was killed, fulfilling God's plan.
3. He was raised
4. He was exalted as Lord and Christ
5. Holy Spirit came

Response: What we do

1. Repent! (~~English = change of behavior~~). Bible = change your mind about who is God around here; deep change of values. The result is a change of behavior.
2. Accepted the message = faith, trust that what God says is true.
3. Baptized = God ordained way of saying I'm a Jesus follower

Results: What we get

1. Forgiveness of all sins = justification by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone; imputed righteousness; relational status of children of God, legal status of forgiven
2. Gift of the Spirit = New life = regeneration by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone; imparted righteousness; Indwelling Holy Spirit and implanted new heart. My basic value, deepest likes change.
3. New supernatural covenant community
4. New mission
5. (implied) New destination

Tuesday Morning: What is the Church?

We'll meet at the church tonight = building

What will the church do about gay marriage? = moral police; church should be known more for mercy than morality

Are you going to church this Sunday? = meeting

1. Regenerate believers, confessing Christians.

What do you do with seekers, curious unbelievers? Church is part of a community that's larger than church.

What do with kids?? There was never a time when David was not a believer in Jesus.

2. Apostolic authority

Under biblical authority. Many pastors go to the Bible to find a verse to support what they believe.

Almighty
Compassionate
Holy
Omniscient
Sovereign

3. Fellowship = togetherness, devoted to one another

Who will take care of the guy who is out of a job and his employment has run out? Who will take care grandma?

4. Sacraments

5. Prayer and worship

6. Evangelistic

7. Organized under qualified leadership

The local church is a group of confessing believers in Jesus Christ organized under godly leadership who gather regularly for worship and edification and disperse to evangelize and care for people everywhere. They observe the biblical sacraments of baptism and communion, are unified by the Spirit for mission, and disciplined to live out the great commandment and great commission.

Tuesday Evening: How can a Church go through conflict to unity?

Principle of authority:

Bible prescribes or commands We gotta do 'em

Jesus is God in the flesh

Mark 1 Lord = Jesus

Isaiah LORD = YHWH

Jesus is YHWH come among us

Mark 1 The baptizer is Jesus

Joel 2 "I" = YHWH

Jesus is YHWH come among us

Baptism is a command!!!!

Bible describes we should follow as closely as possible

When should you be baptized?

What is the qualification for membership in Bible?

Membership means a mutual commitment to mission

From my theology notes on the Western Seminary web site

http://www.westernseminary.edu/papers/Index_Breshears.htm

1. Membership
 - a. Public mutual commitment to participation in a community of ministry and mission
 - b. Investing passions, service, resources, relationships for the kingdom community
 - c. Holy life
 - (1) Integrity
 - (2) Confessing sin
 - d. Active participation in ministry
 - (1) Worship
 - (2) Transformational group
 - (3) Using gifts in service
 - e. Generous giving
 - f. Living an evangelistic life style

Bible is silent These are places where God chose not to speak so to give us freedom to follow wisdom and cultural differences

What the Bible teaches by prescription is truth from God and must be followed. As a general rule, the practices that are described there should be followed as closely as possible. Where the Bible is silent, God did not make a mistake and forget to say something. Rather he was purposely silent to give us freedom to follow wisdom and the leading of the Spirit and develop our own practices to meet the varying needs of different churches and cultures.

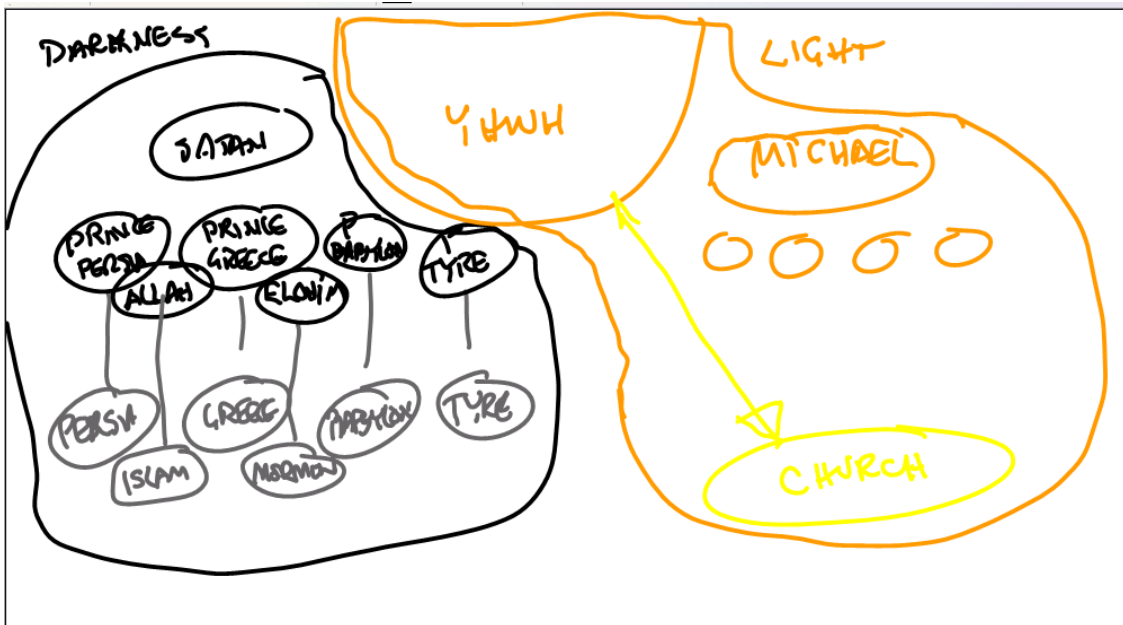
Acts 15

People speak for themselves, saying, "I believe." The others listen with their Bibles open. Four different groups speak. The whole church is involved. Under leadership of the apostles and elders, make the decision.

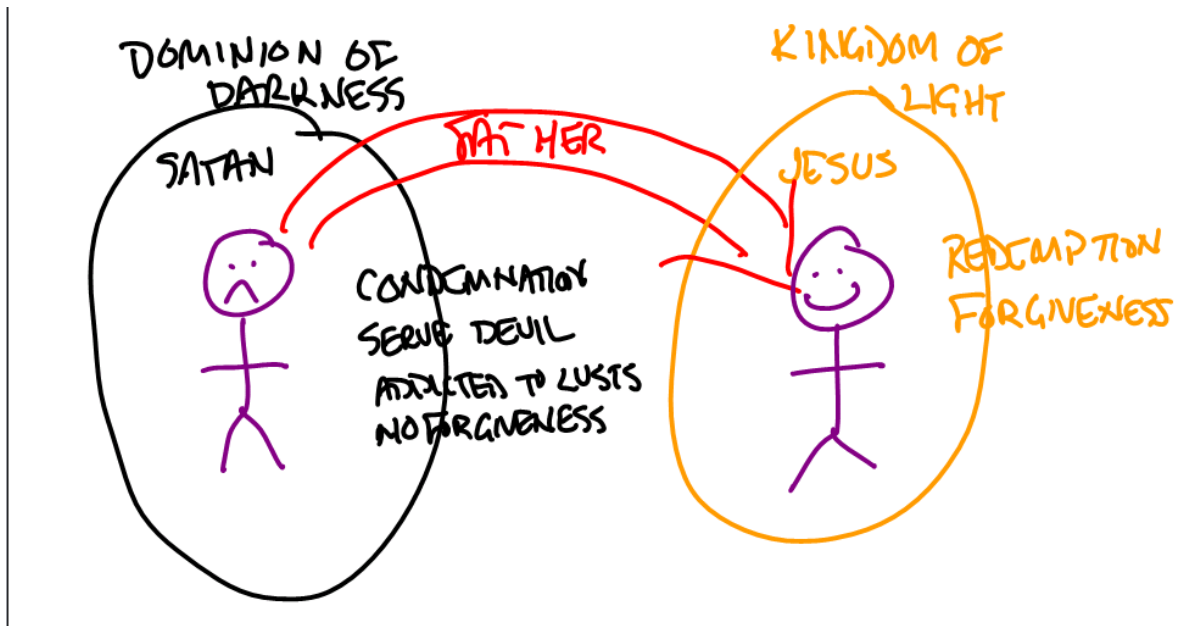
Aren't miracles apostle things? Act 2:38 it is. 2 Cor. 12:12? No. Philip and Barnabas also do amazing miracles (Acts 8:6-7, 13; 14:3; 15:12). Be careful of assuming "only" or "all" in passages like Acts 2:38. It does say the Apostles did miracles. But it doesn't say *only* Apostles do them nor does it say that the only purpose of miracles was to confirm revelation or apostleship as we see in passages like Matt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34.

Wednesday Morning: We are Kingdom People on Kingdom Business

Who are the gods in Ex. 20? Idols?



Colossians 1:12-14



Are us-un's under the authority of the devil? **NO!!**

Never allow someone to say that sin give a demon legal right to invade/inhabit a believer

Are us-un's under the attack of the devil? Yes. What sin allows the demon to attack? Most anything can. If a demon is harassing us, is it because we have sinned? Not necessarily.

Are us-un's under the influence of the devil? Yes we can be.

When the demon attacks, what did Jesus do?

Did he examine for the necessary sin? No.

He quotes Bible.

Follow Jesus: Never debate theology or experience with at demon.

Follow Jesus: command the demon to get away now, (in Jesus name)

The NT commands us to resist the devil and his demons.

Colossians 2:13-15

For people who are initially dead, God

1. Made alive
2. Forgave all sin
3. Cancelled the written code and the record of sins
4. Took it away
5. Disarmed the powers and authorities
6. Made a public spectacle of them (dragged then through the street, exposed them for what they truly are)
7. Triumphed over them in the Cross