



Shaped by the Gospel: Gospel Theology Part 2

2 Minutes of Silence

Watch Video: Gospel Theology Part 2 (18 minutes)

Notes:

What difference does it make that the gospel holds all Christian doctrine and all biblical themes together?

What is the difference between a synchronic and diachronic reading of the bible? what are some of the diachronic themes?

Exercise:

In the video, Keller talks about three major “intercanonical themes”—home/exile, Yahweh/covenant, and kingdom. Choose one or more of these themes and with a partner try to walk through an explanation of it.

How could the “intercanonical themes” Tim Keller talks about impact the way you share the gospel?



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Watch video: Gospel theology Part 3 (9 minutes)

The gospel neither provides a set of rules to follow nor throws out the biblical law; it provides a third way to live.

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Application Exercise

In "The Gospel Affects Everything," Timothy Keller makes the case that the gospel has endless implications, not just for how we preach and teach but for all areas of life.

If each of us took an honest look at our lives and ministries, and especially ourselves, we would be forced to admit that we are often self-centered, discontent, and hurt by broken relationships. In this exercise we'll begin to identify some areas where we have not yet begun to believe the gospel is true for us.

I. Create a list of 10 problem areas you've experienced in your life, ministry, and/or relationships. You can record your thoughts in a journal or by using the Notes button in the top right.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

II. For each item, describe how the gospel would transform that issue if your basis for identity was not your or others' good works but God's righteousness and grace for sinners.

1. _____

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III. Evaluate each of the 10 areas you've written on a scale of 1-5.

1 is where change is most needed.
5 is where you've experienced the most change already.

Look over the results. What did you learn about yourself?

Pray: Take 7 days to pray through your list. Share some of your areas of growth with someone who knows you well and with whom you can speak freely.

Read: The Essence of Gospel Renewal
(pages 113-130 in Shaped by the Gospel) only 2.4 pages a day!