



Gospel persuasion

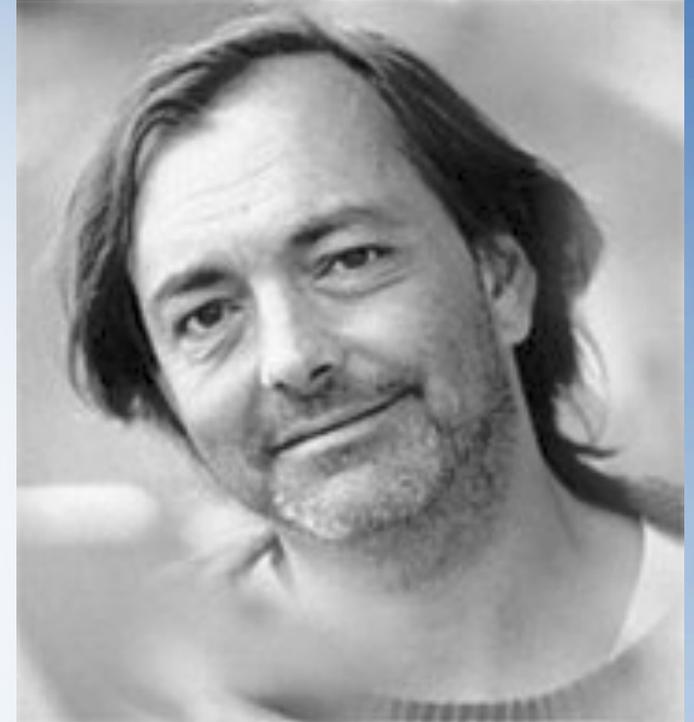
The gospel is simple... *too simple for many today*

- We want to deal with issues that matter to “us”.
 - 2nd serving, one-cup, no bible classes, etc.
 - We take what is written and build rules based upon principles that matter to us. [Col. 2:20-23](#)
- In other words: we want more than the biblical text explicitly reveals.



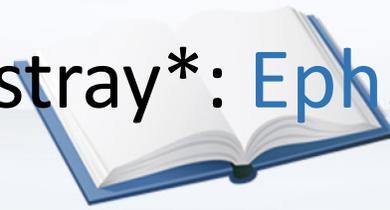
“I have attended church regularly since I was less than a week old. I've listened to sermons about virtue, sermons against vice. I have heard about money, time management, tithing, abstinence, and generosity. I've listened to thousands of sermons. *But I could count on one hand the number of sermons that were a simple proclamation of the gospel of Christ.*” ~

Rich Mullins



God loves His crowning creation

- Our of His pure love He chose to create us in His image: [Gen. 1:26](#)
- His greatest gift: our ability to choose Him. [Gen. 2:15-17](#)
 - What good is God if we have no choice to freely love Him back?
 - If such were the case we would not have truly been made in His image!
- Even knowing we'd astray*: [Eph. 1:3-6; 2 Pet. 3:9-11](#)



Do we truly love precious souls?

- If so, we'll be happy to share the gospel for what it truly is: "Good News"
- The message we share with others is simple:
 - We're all sinners: [Rom. 3:23](#)
 - God's covered our sins if we're willing to believe in His Son as our sacrificial Savior. [Jn. 3:16-17](#)
 - As children of God we now live to become more and more like Him in our daily lives. [Rom. 12:1-2](#)



Biblical examples of “Gospel” preaching

- **Acts 2**: preaching to Jews
 - Context to current situation (v. 15ff)
 - Jesus proclaimed (v. 22ff)
 - He is the prophesied Christ (v. 25ff)
 - Application (v. 36ff)
- Response. Acts 2:40



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- **Acts 3**: preaching at the temple
 - Context to current situation: healing a lame man (v. 1-11)
 - Jesus proclaimed (v. 12-13)
 - Convicts Jews via history/scriptures (v. 14-26)
 - Application (v. 36ff)
- Response – Acts 4:1-3



Biblical examples of “Gospel” preaching

- **Acts 8:** preaching what each needed to hear
 - **Context to current situation:** KINGdom of God and Jesus preached... sorcerer believes. Vss. 4-13
 - **Context to current situation:** Ethiopian: God fearing, reading Isaiah... Philip preaches Jesus from that passage. Vss. 35ff.



Gospel Preaching Today

- **CONTEXT:** Find out where people are in their lives.
 - From there preach Jesus to them: example: Vesta Bradley
- **CONVICT:** let them know they are sinners but Jesus died for their sins (giving them hope).
- **CHOICE:** Let them make their (God-ordained) choice.
Acts 28:22-24

