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When World War II came to an end, it was a time of great joy and celebration. Proverbial swords were beaten into plowshares, prisoners were set free, and millions of soldiers went home to their families. But one man, Second Lieutenant Hiroo Onada of the Imperial Japanese Army, chose not to believe broadcasts announcing the end of the war. For the next 29 years Lieutenant Onada hid in the jungles of the Philippines refusing to come home.

Knowing he was still out there, the authorities tried to reach him with the news. However, Onada dismissed leaflets left by the islanders as enemy propaganda. He considered letters, family photos, and newspapers dropped from planes as nothing more than clever tricks.

In 1974 a Japanese college student made it his personal quest to track down the holdout. After trekking through the jungle the student found the old soldier and befriended him, but he could not convince him to surrender.

Eventually, the Japanese Government sent Onada's former commanding officer into the jungle with orders for him to stand down. Relieved of duty, Onada emptied the bullets from his rifle and turned in his weapon. For him the war was finally over. He returned home to a hero's welcome.¹

For three decades Lieutenant Onada was engaged in a war that existed only in his mind against an imaginary enemy he both feared and distrusted. This is how some people relate to God. They're opposed to God in their minds or they think God is gunning for them on account of their sin. They have not heard there has been a cessation of hostilities, that the war has been won and the Prince of Peace now sits on the throne. Ignorant of this good news and fearful of God they are lying low in the jungles of religion or godless self-deception. God hates them—or so they think. His anger is mounting. They are not sure what God is doing now but they expect him to show up one day, and when he does there will be hell to pay.

Why do I write?

I write for one simple reason: most people haven't heard the gospel. How do I know? Because most are unsure of who God is and what he thinks of them. Or perhaps they have heard the good news but they don't believe it; it doesn't fit in their grid. So they live under a lie, refusing to come home.

Sadly this is just as true of Christians as unbelievers.

In ten years as a pastor and forty years as a churchgoer I have met thousands of believers around the world. Every single one of them would tell you they believe the gospel. But the fruit of their lives often reveals a different story. Instead of reaping from the gospel of peace, they are plowing the hard ground of D.I.Y. religion. Instead of drawing with joy from the wells of salvation, they are baking bricks in the pits of performance-based churchianity.

¹ Hiroo Onada, *No Surrender: My Thirty-Year War*, Kodansha, 1974.

Why am I convinced that most people don't know the gospel? Because they have no joy. Their mouths aren't filled with laughter and their tongues don't sing of the great things God has done for them. To paraphrase Shakespeare, the joy's the thing:

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." (Luke 2:10)

The angel said the gospel would bring great joy to all people. Those who receive the gospel ought to be the happiest, most joyful people in the world. Yet many believers are far from joyful. They may be smiling on the outside, but on the inside they are anxious, insecure, and battling with guilt and condemnation. Fearful of upsetting a touchy God they are trying to do the right thing and make themselves pleasing to the Lord. But since they are never sure if they have done enough they have no peace.

Others are running hard after the favor of God but they never seem to arrive. They study the scriptures, fast and pray, and do all they are told to do, but the promised blessings of the Christian life—God's forgiveness, acceptance, provision and so on—always seem just out of reach. They're sweating on the hamster wheel of Christian service and going nowhere fast.

Squeezed between the demands of a holy God who expects nothing short of perfection and the flawed performance of their own broken lives, Christians can be among the most neurotic people on the planet. Like yo-yos they are up one day but down the next; they are testifying on Sunday but confessing on Monday. Each time they stumble they promise Jesus they will try harder next time but it's no use. They feel like frauds and wonder what will happen to them when their shortcomings are eventually exposed.

The bitter well

The tragedy is that most people in this situation know something is wrong but they think the fault lies with themselves. After all, they are constantly hearing they are not working hard enough. They are told they have got to pray more, give more, fast more, bear more fruit, and while you're at it, how about showing a little more enthusiasm for our latest program? Some Christians are nearly sweating blood for Jesus, and all it's doing is making them sick and tired.

If this is you, the problem is not your effort or desire, it's your gospel. It's contaminated. You're drinking from a poisoned well, and it's making you ill.

The gospel is good news. This is what the word "gospel" literally means: *good news*. By definition, any gospel that leaves you fearful of an angry and judgmental God is no gospel at all. It is not good news. Any gospel that leaves you insecure and uncertain, forever wondering, *Am I accepted? Am I forgiven?* is not good news. Any gospel that demands you sign up for a lifetime of progressive sanctification and yet offers no guarantee that you will ever make it, is not good

news. Any gospel that forces cripples to jump through hoops of religious performance is no gospel at all.

The number one reason why many Christians are joyless and tired is because they have never heard the gospel. I know it's hard to believe but it's true—the gospel is almost never preached. Visit any church or switch on the Christian TV channel and chances are you will hear anything and everything *but* the undiluted gospel of the kingdom. Don't blame the preachers. Many of them are doing the best they can, but they can't give what they haven't got, and they can't preach what they haven't heard.

I know of what I speak. I led a church for many years, and every Easter, Christmas, and special invite Sunday I preached the gospel without even knowing what it was. Or rather, I preached what I thought was the gospel but was actually an inferior imitation. My motives were pure, and I had a genuine desire to save the lost, but I was often puzzled why the few people I led to the Lord weren't more joyful. They were earnest (like me), but they weren't exactly bouncing off the ceilings with great joy. Perhaps the angel was wrong about that.

I now realize I was selling a watered-down version of the gospel. I was like the inheritance lawyer handing out windfalls then asking for the money back in taxes and fees. I sold the grace of God on credit. "Buy now, pay later. Sign up today, the first month's free, but once you've settled in we need to talk about personal responsibility, discipleship, and the true cost of following Jesus." I had the right jargon but the wrong theology. It was love with a hook and grace with a price tag.

What madness I preached.

What the gospel is not

What is the gospel? When asked this question people typically respond with a variety of answers. "The gospel is the word of God—it's the scriptures." "It's the story of the Savior as told by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John." "It's the red-letter teachings of Jesus." "It's God's holy law." "It's an invitation to turn from sin and escape hell." "It's something to believe in no matter what." Although these are common responses, none of them is the gospel.

The scriptures are the gospel truth but they are not *the* gospel. The Bible contains the good news but it also contains much that is not the good news. Unless you know how to tell the difference you're going to be confused when you read it.

The accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are called gospels but they are not *the* gospel. Collectively, these four books contain more than 60,000 words but, as we shall see, the gospel can be summarized in a single sentence, even just a word.

The red letters of Jesus are not the gospel. Everything Jesus said was good but not everything he said was good news. Neither was it all meant for you. Jesus preached the law to those who lived under the law on the far side of the cross. We are not under the law but grace

(Romans 6:14). We are living under a completely different covenant to the Jews of Jesus' day. Words meant for them are not necessarily meant for you.

The law is not the gospel. The law is good and has its proper purpose but it is bad news not good news. The purpose of the law is to reveal sin and condemn the self-righteous. The bad news of the law silences every mouth and reveals our need for a Savior. The law diagnoses the problem but does nothing to treat it.

The exhortation to "turn from sin" is not the good news. It is not even news. It is an ancient works-oriented message that will leave you sin-focused and introspective. It is the message of Moses and John the Baptist. It is the message of most of the Old Testament. It is not the gospel of grace we find in the New Testament epistles.

Nor is the good news defined as the absence of bad news. Some evangelists think scaring the hell out of people is a good way to win disciples for Jesus, but fear is an appalling basis for any relationship. Jesus is not interested in shotgun weddings. Paul, the greatest church planter in the Bible, preached the gospel without ever mentioning hell.

Finally, the gospel is not an article of faith. It is not something that magically springs to life if you believe in it hard enough. It is not the fruit of wishful thinking. Neither is it prophecy. It is not something that will only become real in the future.

The good news is not the good book, the good law, or the good words of the good Teacher. Neither is it good advice, good instruction, or good wishes. The good news is *news*—it is the announcement of the glad tidings of a happy God. The gospel is today's news, and it is unquestionably good.

And now for the news

The gospel is the glad and merry news that God is good, he loves you, and he will happily give up everything he has so he can have you. Contrary to popular belief, God is not mad at you. He is not even in a bad mood. The good news declares that God is happy, he is for you, and he wants to share his life with you forever.²

Jesus is proof of this. The veracity of the gospel is evidenced in his death and resurrection. On the cross God showed that he loved us while we were sinners and that he would rather die than live without us. And through the resurrection he proved that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love that is ours in Jesus Christ.

Through our representative Jesus our heavenly Father has joined himself to us, promising never to leave nor forsake us. We stand secure, not on our feeble promises to him, but on his unconditional and unbreakable promises to us.

And that's it: God loves you and wants to be with you. It's simple but it's the biggest truth in the universe. We will spend eternity discovering in a billion different ways the limitless expressions of his unending love. Indeed, this is what we were made for—to receive and

² See Romans 8:31-32, Isaiah 54:8-10, and 1 Timothy 1:11 (especially in Rotherham's Emphasized Bible).

respond to his divine love. This is the fundamental law of our existence and the reason for our being. This is the best news you ever heard.

The love-gift

The gospel is so simple that it's hard for our grown-up minds to grasp. *It can't be that good. There must be a catch.* Before I understood the simplicity of the gospel my mind was like an ashtray – full of “buts.” *God loves you but ... Jesus died for you but ...* As I understood it, God's gifts always come with a price tag. Only they don't. They can't. Don't you see? Grace must be free or it's not grace. Don't let anyone charge you for what God has freely given.

The gospel that Jesus preached begins like this:

“For God so loved ... that he gave ...” (John 3:16)

The gospel is first and foremost a declaration of love backed up with a gift. It's the announcement of a love-gift and the gift is Jesus. Right here is where many miss it. They take the greatest gift in the universe, put it inside a little box called “my salvation,” and then put that box in the cupboard of their past.

“The gospel? Oh that's for sinners. I've heard it. I'm saved. I have no further use for it.”

The angel would disagree with you. The angel said the gospel is for all people, saint and sinner alike. Salvation is one of the many benefits of the gospel, but there is more to this gift than salvation. Jesus is not only the Savior, he is *God with us*. Our minds can barely begin to unpackage the significance of this revelation. *God is with us*. He is not up there but down here. He is not against us but for us. If he has already given us his Son, what will he withhold from us? Wow! This is Grand Canyon theology. This is the gospel that takes your breath away leaving you speechless in marveling adoration. *He will never leave or abandon us*. What relief! What peace! This is green pastures beside still waters. This is home. This is our rest.

The gospel is bigger and better than you think. The goodness of the good news is directly proportional to the goodness of God and the newsiness of the good news is proportional to the degree of revelation we have about him. Since God is infinitely good and infinitely big, and since there is always more for us to discover about him, there is always more to the good news than we can ever think or imagine. The gospel is simple but it gets bigger and better on closer examination until your mind is fried and you are floored with gratitude at the loving-kindness of a good God.

Spurgeon's nail

What is the gospel? It is the revelation of God's love through Jesus Christ. Whatever your need, your answer is found in Christ alone. He is the Love who loves us and the Grace who helps us

in our time of need. If you are a sinner in need of redemption, see Jesus. If you are a saint struggling with sin, see Jesus. If you are oppressed by poverty, you don't need a sermon outlining seven steps to prosperity—you need a revelation of Jesus who became poor for our sakes so that we might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). If you are facing a storm and don't know the way forward, you need a revelation of the One who silenced the tempest with a word. If you are looking for a solution to one of the world's many problems, Jesus has it. Since Jesus is the author of life, he is the first and last word on any and every subject.

When I started pastoring I saw needs everywhere and I tailored my preaching to suit. If there was sin in the camp I preached on repentance and why you should do it. Then I preached on holiness and how to attain it. I was a Whack-A-Mole preacher. Whenever a problem popped up, I would thump it with my Bible. Foolishly, I thought my homiletic skills combined with my profound understanding of scripture would solve everyone's problems. In truth, it was a recipe for powerless preaching, carnal Christianity, and boring church. (If you were there, forgive me.)

Then I discovered a profound truth. You can know the Bible from cover to cover and not know the gospel. Read the written word through any lens other than the Living Word and you'll end up with a counterfeit gospel and lifeless religion. When the scales fell from my eyes, my first reaction was shock—*how had I missed this?*—followed by unbridled joy—*God, you're even better than I thought!* I began to see Jesus on every single page of my Bible. *It's all about him!* I burned all my sermon notes and started again. I began to preach Jesus and nothing else. In this regard I was channeling Spurgeon who said this in 1891:

I sometimes wonder that you do not get tired of my preaching, because I do nothing but hammer away on this one nail. I have driven it in up to the head, and I have gone round to the other side to clinch it; but still I keep at it. With me it is, year after year, "None but Jesus! None but Jesus!" Oh, you great saints, if you have outgrown the need of a sinner's trust in the Lord Jesus, you have outgrown your sins, but you have also outgrown your grace, and your saintship has ruined you.³

I was saved for thirty-four years before I began to see the gospel in all its liberating glory. I was well on my way to becoming a ruined saint, engaged by my own and other people's expectations. But the windows of my soul were opened, and I breathed again the fresh air of heaven. I will never go back into that cage.

Freedom for all

The gospel is good news for the prisoner, both saved and unsaved. If you are feeling the deadweight yoke of sin or huffing-puffing piety, the gospel will set you free. Just like that. There is power in the gospel like you cannot imagine. I've seen decades-old burdens and

³ "Sermon No.2207," The Spurgeon Archive, website: www.spurgeon.org/sermons/2207.htm

ancient wounds broken in a moment. I've seen dead sinners raised to new life and decrepit saints given fresh legs. It's like the Holy Spirit is waiting for us to say "Yes" to grace and when we do, *Pow!*—freedom comes and we are changed.

In contrast with the dead religion of man, the living gospel of grace is totally supernatural.

But here's the important part. The one thing that can stop you from walking in the love and grace of God is your own dismissive incredulity and unbelief. I am not talking about atheism; unbelief comes in subtler shades. In the church unbelief is manifested in the faithless language of debt and obligation. It's asking God to do what he's already done. It's trying to impersonate Jesus. It's bringing sacrifices and offerings he has not asked for.

This is not the way you receive a gift.

The gospel is true whether you believe it or not, but it won't do you any good unless you believe it. No one is going to force you to leave the jungle. The sole condition for receiving God's gift of grace is you have to want it. The sinner must drop his guns and the saint must put down her offerings so that both may come with empty hands and faith-filled hearts to the table of his blessings.

The only thing that can render worthless the exceeding riches of God's grace is unbelief. Unbelief prays, "God, please do this, and that, and the other thing," but faith looks to the finished work of the cross and says, "Lord, you have done it all." Unbelief gives—"Lord, look at what I've done/built/brought for you"—but faith receives—"Look at what you have done for us." Unbelief toils and accomplishes nothing; faith understands that everything comes to us by grace for free. Unbelief tries but faith trusts.

Jake's story

As I was writing this I received a message from a young man I will call Jake. Jake wrote to tell me he loved God and wanted a relationship with him but didn't know what to do or how to be saved. He said he had heard from some religious people that God expects us to live a sinless life and that he won't approve of us if we go out dancing with friends and that sort of thing.

At this point you may be thinking, "How misguided, dancing is not a sin." I know, it's laughable. But don't miss the bigger issue. Christianity isn't a list of do's and don'ts. Christianity is Christ. The point is not whether dancing is on your *do list* or your *don't list*; the point is whether you have any list at all. Rule-minded people are preoccupied with doing good and avoiding evil but this is carnal religion. It's eating from the wrong tree. Christianity isn't a test, it's a rest.

So here's Jake listening to the bad news of religion telling him God won't accept him unless he first sorts himself out and changes his behavior. I hope you can see that this is not good news. In fact, charging sinners admission to the throne of grace is a fiendish practice. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

What struck me was Jake's claim that this bad news message was "what I have heard my whole life." Jake sounded like he had some church experience and he clearly loved the Lord, but no one had ever told him the good news.

Don't you find it astonishing that with all the churches in the world and wall-to-wall Christian television, there are millions if not billions of people just like Jake who have never heard the gospel? I hear from people like this every day.

Since no one had ever told Jake the gospel, the privilege of proclaiming that happy message fell to me. In a few short sentences I told him that God loves him and there is nothing he can do to make God love him any more than he already does. I explained that going to church and avoiding sin would not save him, and the only thing that pleases God is faith in his Son Jesus. "If you would be saved, you need to trust that Jesus is who he said he is, that he loves you, died for you, and now lives for you." I then encouraged Jake to talk to God directly and ask him to reveal his love. Within an hour I received the following reply:

Wow, that sure is good news. I would say that is great news! Thank you so much. I had no clue that's what Jesus is really about.

Two days later Jake wrote again to tell me he was now saved, he had been talking to God and God was helping him a great deal. Now that's what you call effortless evangelism. I simply passed along the good news, the Holy Spirit brought revelation and Jake was set free.

And not one mole was whacked.

The short and sweet gospel

History's greatest preachers have always proclaimed a simple gospel with few words and much power.

Paul brought the kingdom of heaven to the pagan city of Corinth with nothing more than a five-word gospel—"Jesus Christ and him crucified"—backed up with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peter needed only twelve words to declare to his fellow Jews the good news: "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Three thousand believed and were saved the same day.

John needed only seven words to herald the end of the old covenant and the dawn of the new: "Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

And Jesus needed just nine words to reveal himself as the end of all our searching: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."⁴

⁴ Sources for these short gospels are as follows: Paul (1 Corinthians 2:2), Peter (Acts 2:36), John (John 1:17), and Jesus (John 14:6).

As you can see, there are many different ways of saying the same thing. As long as you are revealing the love of God as personified by Jesus – who he is, what he has done and why – then you are preaching the gospel.

This should not be complicated. The gospel is simple enough for a child to understand. You don't need to know Greek to get it. Neither do you need to go to seminary or Bible school to figure it all out.

One of my favorite gospels is this twenty-word gem which was probably first uttered by John Calvin: "The Son of God became the Son of Man that the sons of men might become the sons of God." Short and sweet.

Or how about this shorter gospel by Anna Bartlett Warner: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so."⁵ That's the gospel my three-year-old son knows.

Here is the gospel we sing at Christmas:

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel ...
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

That's from "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" if you haven't made the connection. Charles Wesley's 270-year-old hymn proves the best gospels are enduring. They stick in our hearts because they speak to our deepest needs and remind us of our true home.

Of course you don't need to be a gifted hymn writer or preacher to have a short gospel. Some time ago I challenged readers of my blog, *Escape to Reality*, to proclaim the good news in as few words as possible.⁶

Steve from Sydney supplied this short gospel: "Receive Christ and you will be as clean as he is, as free as he is, and as close as he is to the Father God."

Phil from Alabama gave us his ten-word gospel: "Jesus loves you and God is not mad at you."

Daniel from Massachusetts provided a nine-word gospel: "Come! The sin barrier is down. I love you."

And Miriam from Nebraska gave us this stunning nine-word affirmation: "In God's family forever by his work and power."

Some say that a tsunami of grace is currently sweeping across the world. If this is so, then one of the signs of this grace awakening will be an increasing emphasis on the short and simple gospel Jesus revealed and the New Testament writers proclaimed.

The gospel of grace is wholly unlike the rule-based religion many of us are familiar with:

⁵ "Jesus Loves Me," Wikipedia, website: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesus_Loves_Me.

⁶ "The gospel in one word, two words ..." *EscapeToReality.org*, 22 March 2011, website: wp.me/pNzdT-JS

- Religion is complicated but grace is simple.
- Religion is vague but grace is crystal clear.
- Religion finds fault and does nothing to help, but the grace of God propels you triumphantly through life's toughest challenges.
- Religion will give you a headache and leave you sick and tired, but grace gives strength to the weary and life to the dead.
- Religion seeks to bridle the free but grace liberates the prisoner and the oppressed.

It is my firm conviction that as more people come to appreciate the beauty and richness of the undiluted gospel, sermons on other subjects will disappear like yesterday's news. The power of God is only revealed in the gospel and we have been called to preach nothing less.

Pictures at an exhibition

If the gospel is short, why did I write a whole book about it? For the same reason miners dig deep holes in the sides of mountains—there's treasure inside. The gospel reveals not only a door into the King's domain but the lobby, the grounds, and the entire realm of his splendor.

The blessings of the gospel are many but in my book *The Gospel in Ten Words* I look at just ten. These ten blessings should not be interpreted as levels or steps or anything like that. Instead, think of them as pearls on a necklace or pictures at an exhibition. They are riffs on the theme of Jesus. They are ten revelations of grace that describe the life of every believer, no exceptions. Here they are: in *union* with Christ you are *loved, forgiven, saved, accepted, holy, righteous, dead to sin, new, and royal*.

As I came to the end of writing *The Gospel in Ten Words*, a friend asked me about the title. "Are you aware that 'the ten words' is another name for the Ten Commandments?" I was not aware and his question prompted a moment of panic. *Oh no. People will think this book is based on the law. That's hardly a good look for a preacher of grace!*

I began to wonder if I had made a mistake with the title but my friend disagreed. "It's a good thing and not a coincidence." He was right. God knows I love lists and I'm certain he was the one who gave me the idea for the book and the title. So I decided to keep the title unchanged.

Then that night, a confirmation. Camilla and I were watching an episode of *The West Wing* and President Bartlett was on a quest for a sound bite. "Ten words, ten words!" came the call from the Oval Office. "We're still looking for ten words," said his chief of staff. Not nine, not eleven, but ten words. It's like my favorite fictional president was saying, "You picked a great title."

So it's *The Gospel in Ten Words*—not nine, not eleven, but ten. You've heard the ten words of God's law; now receive the ten words of his grace.

Yet in a way, the title of the book is misleading. You don't need ten words to get the gospel, you just need one and that word is Jesus. The gospel is not *Jesus-plus-you* or *Jesus-plus-whatever-doctrine-is-in-vogue*. It's just Jesus. His is the only name by which we can receive forgiveness and acceptance and holiness and all the other manifestations of grace I have written about. Don't ever forget that.

Before we finish, let us give a final thought to Lieutenant Onada of the Japanese Army. After he was finally convinced the Pacific War had ended, he became a different man. He stopped terrorizing the Filipino farmers and set up a generous scholarship fund for their children. He later returned to the Philippines to thank the people for their assistance in keeping him alive during his self-imposed isolation.⁷

Just as Lieutenant Onada became a different man after he accepted the good news of war's end, I trust you will be a different person once you encounter the gospel in its undiluted glory. The gospel changes us. It delivers us from who we were and empowers us to be who we were always meant to be. It does this not by giving us instructions or telling us what to do but by revealing the true nature of God. I guarantee that when you see the God behind the gospel, you will never be the same again.

It is my prayer that as you encounter the gospel you will be led gently by the Spirit out of whatever jungle you may be in and that you will begin to dance freely on the wide open spaces of God's amazing grace. Whether you are a young sinner like Jake or an old saint like me, I hope that as you encounter the grace of God you will come face to face with Jesus himself.

Jesus is the Good News!



⁷ "Former WWII soldier visits Philippine hideout," CNN.com, 26 May 1996, website: edition.cnn.com/WORLD/9605/26/philippines.straggler/

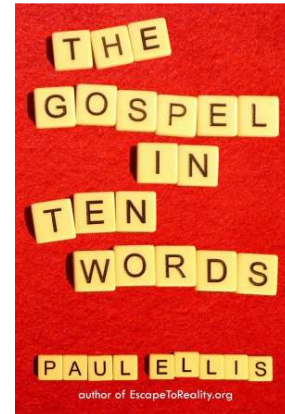
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