

“Saved for What? The Breadth of the Gospel”
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John Stott was asked what was the “irreducible minimum Gospel”? To which he replied, “Who wants an ‘irreducible, minimum gospel’? I want the full biblical gospel!”

Scot McKnight: “Evangelicals” are actually “Soterions”

Luke 4.43 and 1 Corinthians 15.1-8

The Kingdom God was the core message and the core ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. The Kingdom of God comes when the ways God designed things to be actually happen.

“Jesus’ purpose was proclaim with word and deed the good news of the Kingdom of God (Lk 4.18-19, verse 43; 8.1 etc) and to die on the cross (Jn 12.27-28) in order to bring it (Lk 9.21-31). While he was on earth Jesus chose followers (the 12 in Lk 6.12-15 and the 72 in Lk 10.1), taught them (all 4 Gospels), and gave them authority (Lk 9.1-2 for the 12 and Lk 10.9,19 for the 72) to join in his mission. After his death and resurrection Jesus commissioned and empowered them (Jn 21.21-23 and Mt 28.18-20) in order that people would continue his mission (Jn 21.21-23 and Mt 28.18-20), enabled by his own spirit (Jn 14.16-18, 26 and Acts 2.1-4 and 10.44-47), to continue his work (Acts through today) until he comes again and completes it (Rev 21.1-5).” Haley

Tim Keller, "There must be one gospel, yet there are clearly different forms in which that one gospel can be expressed." "yes, there must be one gospel, yet there are clearly different forms in which that one gospel can be expressed. This is the Bible's own way of speaking of the gospel, and we should stick with it."

Keller's summary of the Gospel: "Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, God fully accomplishes salvation for us, rescuing us from judgment for sin into fellowship with him, and then restores the creation in which we can enjoy our new life together with him forever."

Haley on the Gospel: "God created the earth and put man on it to walk with him, to be in loving community with each other, and to take care of all that God had made so that we would live into the fullness of the image of God and become partakers of his divine nature. We sinned, and we broke, and creation broke, and all was cursed with pain and suffering, decay and death. God sent his son Jesus to break the curse and set it right and put us back on course. Jesus did this through his sacrificial offering on the cross and the power of the resurrection, and then sent his spirit so that we could then become the agents and stewards of the New Creation that God started. When he comes back to finish the work he started, all those who have lived in him and died in him will

be raised to new life—in flesh, recognizable, perfect, and transformed, capable of relationship and in perfect communion with God and with each other. We'll be rewarded according to our deeds on earth with responsibility, joy, riches and honor, and we'll rule and reign with Jesus himself and the New Earth that has some sort of continuity with the world we now live in. And we'll enjoy and explore whatever adventures the creator of the universe concocts and that we co-create with him.”

What are we saved for??

- Indeed, we can be saved. Our sins can be forgiven and we can be restored to a right relationship with God through the death of Jesus Christ!!
- Theosis: We can experience our deepest purpose and original design as a foretaste of it coming in fullness. Our True Self in union with Christ's Self and 'share in the divine nature'
- The Kingdom of God has come and has begun
- Related, we are agents of Co-Creation, and New Creation, are dignified by acting with Jesus in Redemption
- Eternal Life, beginning now and extending forever where there is some significant continuity and corporal experience of our own bodies and this earth
- Experiencing and bringing a New Society marked by unity in great diversity
- Bearing witness to God and the Christ
- LOVE

“You and I must let Jesus live in us and through us to the world.” Mother Teresa

Recommended Readings

The King Jesus Gospel, Scot McKnight

Simply Christian, NT Wright (and all of his writings)

The Divine Conspiracy, Dallas Willard (and all of his writings)

Culture Making, Andy Crouch

See also Andy on Four Missing Chapters:

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/missionwork/2014/06/andy-crouch-on-why-we-cant-see-the-faith-work-connection-were-missing-chapters-of-our-bible/#ixzz3IOcrWZDD>

“The Gospel in All Its Forms”, Tim Keller

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2008/spring/9.74a.html>