

Jonah 3:1-10
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Sermon Notes

"The sober truth is that without full disclosure on sin, the gospel of grace becomes impertinent, unnecessary, and finally uninteresting."

Understanding sin:
You are not capable of doing anything good (in the flesh)

Romans 7:18 ESV
18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Romans 3:12 ESV
12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Romans 8:7 ESV
7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

"We are so sinful, we can't contribute any good works to the basis of God's acceptance of us. There are no good works anywhere in unregenerate humanity, there never have been, ever since the fall of Adam and Eve into sin."

John Piper

Romans 8:2-4 ESV
2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Understanding sin:
The good you do and advocate doesn't save you, but works with God towards the restoration of shalom.

Genesis 1:31 ESV
31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

"God has created the world so that cruelty, greed, and exploitation have natural, disintegrative consequences that are a manifestation of his anger toward evil."

"God hates sin not just because it violates his law, but more substantively, because it violates shalom, because it breaks the peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be."
Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

This is not the way it's supposed to be.

Genesis 12:1-3 ESV

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Luke 9:2 ESV

2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.