

## **How The Gospel Impacts Our Ecclesiology**

### **(Insights From Ephesians)**

#### **I. The Gospel Establishes Certain Theological Foundations. Eph. 1-3**

- 1) The gospel is grounded in a Trinitarian soteriology (1:1-14).
- 2) The gospel is grounded in the knowledge of the resurrected Christ who is the head over the Church His body by which He will fill all in all (1:15-23).
- 3) The gospel is grounded in the reality of human depravity and a gracious salvation made possible by Jesus rooted in faith and resulting in good works (2:1-10).
- 4) The gospel is grounded in the good news that Jesus Christ has destroyed all barriers in creating one new reality the Church (2:11-22).  
[No racial, gender, social, economic, educational or national barriers]
- 5) The gospel is grounded in a stewardship to preach the good news to the nations to bring light to everyone (3:1-13).
- 6) The gospel is grounded in the truth that Christ dwells in us by faith in order that we may know His love that surpasses knowledge and that we may glorify God forever and ever (3:14-21).

#### **II. The Gospel Demands Certain Practical Actions. Eph. 4-6**

- 1) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages the Christian graces (4:1-3).
- 2) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages sound doctrine with a missionary impulse (4:4-6).
- 3) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages the exercise of grace gifts (4:7-11).

- 4) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages all saints to engage their work in ministry (4:12-16).
- 5) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages us to learn Christ and live as Christ (4:17-5:20).
- 6) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages gospel-centered homes (5:21-6:4).
- 7) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages gospel-centered workplaces (6:5-9).
- 8) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages strategies for spiritual warfare (6:10-18).
- 9) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages the bold proclamation of the gospel (6:18-21).
- 10) We develop a body life that teaches and encourages love for the Lord Jesus (6:21-24).