

What is the Gospel?

Dr. R.C. Sproul | taken from ligonier.org/blog/what-is-the-gospel

There is no greater message to be heard than that which we call the gospel. But as important as that is, it is often given to massive distortions or over simplifications. People think they're preaching the gospel to you when they tell you, 'you can have a purpose to your life', or that 'you can have meaning to your life', or that 'you can have a personal relationship with Jesus.' All of those things are true, and they're all important, but they don't get to the heart of the gospel.

The gospel is called the 'good news' because it addresses the most serious problem that you and I have as human beings, and that problem is simply this: God is holy and He is just, and I'm not. And at the end of my life, I'm going to stand before a just and holy God, and I'll be judged. And I'll be judged either on the basis of my own righteousness—or lack of it—or the righteousness of another. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus lived a life of perfect righteousness, of perfect obedience to God, not for His own well being but for His people. He has done for me what I couldn't possibly do for myself. But not only has He lived that life of perfect obedience, He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to satisfy the justice and the righteousness of God.

The great misconception in our day is this: that God isn't concerned to protect His own integrity. He's a kind of wishy-washy deity, who just waves a wand of forgiveness over everybody. No. For God to forgive you is a very costly matter. It cost the sacrifice of His own Son. So valuable was that sacrifice that God pronounced it valuable by raising Him from the dead—so that Christ died for us, He was raised for our justification. So the gospel is something objective. It is the message of who Jesus is and what He did. And it also has a subjective dimension. How are the benefits of Jesus subjectively appropriated to us? How do I get it? The Bible makes it clear that we are justified not by our works, not by our efforts, not by our deeds, but by faith—and by faith alone. The only way you can receive the benefit of Christ's life and death is by putting your trust in Him and in Him alone. You do that, you're declared just by God, you're adopted into His family, you're forgiven of all of your sins, and you have begun your pilgrimage for eternity.

Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please contact the church at info@antiochpca.com.

Vision

Our vision is to see the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church revitalized as a worshipping community to be a blessing to every man, woman, and child in the growing residential hub west of Woodruff and south of Reidville, to the glory of God.

Mission

Our mission as a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

Areas of Ministry Focus

Expository Preaching
Biblical Worship
Parish Evangelism
Pastoral Care
Discipleship

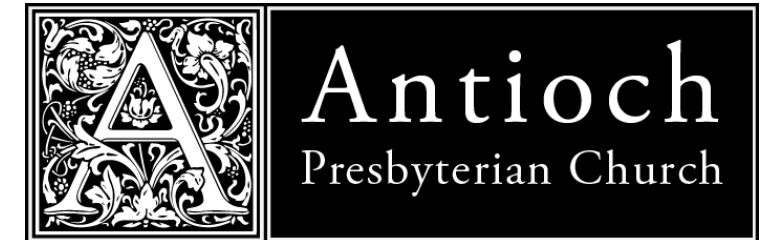
Leadership & Accountability

As a *mission work*, Antioch Presbyterian Church (PCA) is governed and overseen by a *provisional session* of elders serving as a *commission* of Calvary Presbytery. The six men appointed to the *provisional session* are active elders within the bounds of Calvary Presbytery, and they have graciously agreed to serve "above-and-beyond" to encourage the revitalization of Antioch. They include:

Dr. Chipley Bennett, Ph.D. – Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, D.Min. – Pastor, Reidville Presbyterian Church
Mr. Richard Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck Presbyterian Church
Mr. William Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Ph.D., D.D. – Professor of Systematic & Applied Theology, President Emeritus, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary;
Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church
Pastor Richard Thomas – Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church;
Clerk of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff – Ministerial Assistant
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. – Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session



The Lord's Day
January 24, 2021

"Proven Living Faith"
Revelation 2:8-11
Mr. Zachary Groff

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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Meditation

Matthew 16:25

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

*Call to Worship

*Congregational Commitment

Minister: Congregation, in whom is your confidence?

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and the earth.

*Salutation

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 114

When Jacob's House from Egypt Came
WINCHESTER NEW

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Revelation of God's Will

Matthew 5:1-12

*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have not obeyed Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 103:8-11

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. ⁹He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. ¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

Offering

No. 224

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
JOANNA (ST. DENIO)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

No. 119K

My Soul for Your Salvation Yearns
SUILVEN

*Prayer for Illumination

*Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 22:6-23

*New Testament Reading

Revelation 1:9-20; 2:8-11

*Congregational Response

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever!

Sermon

"Proven Living Faith"

Revelation 2:8-11

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response

No. 110A

The LORD said to My Lord
ST. THOMAS (Williams)

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 572

Gloria Patri
GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

"Proven Living Faith"

Revelation 2:8-11

Main Proposition

When proven through trial, the church's faith in Christ is the Christian's living faith resulting in spiritual triumph.

Outline

- I. Christ the Lord of our trials (v 8)
- II. The church's proven faith (vv. 9, 10a)
- III. The Christian's living faith (vv. 10b, 11)

*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered