

## **Living the Gospel:**

*Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life*

### **For All People**

June 30, 2013

#### **I. The good news is for everyone!**

A. It always has been...

*"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you....and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3)*

B. ...and it always will be.

*"...I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people." (Zechariah 2:11)*

#### **II. Jesus' mission**

A. From the beginning of his earthly life...

*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)*

B. ...to the beginning of his earthly ministry.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)*

#### **III. Jesus's example**

A. In his own ministry...

For instance:

B. ...and in his ministry carried on by the apostles.

*"So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life." (Acts 11:18b)*

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)*

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. (Titus 2:11)*

*My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. (James 2:1)*

#### **IV. This has implications for us!**

*After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9)*

A. There is no one too good; there is no one too bad.  
We are all in the same boat.

B. Where do your prejudices lie?

C. What groups do you have trouble loving?

D. How can our church be more inclusive?