The Gospel of Life (John 5:40)

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INTRODUCTION

- For baptism to be in the name of Jesus, for baptism to convert us to the Lord, it must be preceded by a change of heart.
- Conversion to the Lord is the Lord's business. He's the one that determines it. He's the one that adds us to the body, according to Acts chapter 2 and verse 47. And so it has to be on his terms.
- It's a matter of my will versus God's will, and he says, You are unwilling to come to me, that you may have life.

1 Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

- The significance is it is the only means. And by only I mean only. There was no other way. The only means of undoing sin's deadly disastrous effects.
- Who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But he emptied himself.
- He took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.
- The extraordinary descent that God would be housed in human flesh. And then the humiliation.
- That by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

2 How Do We Come to Him?

2 Corinthians 7:10; Acts 2:36–38

- When you consider that he tasted death for all of us for our sins. The only fitting response is to come to him in godly sorrow.
- We know from 2 Corinthians 7 and verse 10 that it's godly sorrow that produces repentance.
- It says they were pierced to their hearts. And said, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- Repent and be converted. That your sins may be wiped away, and times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
- We're going to have to turn from that which has caused the problem in the first place and set our faces toward righteousness.
- Rebellion against God is no small matter.

3 What Does Life in Him Mean?

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- It is nothing less than I am going to commit myself to the fact that Jesus is Lord.
- I'm going to let him reign in my heart and dictate my movements and my thinking.
- Because we must die in order to live.

- Jesus died to give me a chance. And that ought always to be our understanding of what we've come to in Christ.
- Coming to Jesus means yes to his will.
- He is the path. He is the example. He's the pattern. He has shown us the way of the cross, and he expects us to embrace that way of self-sacrifice and self-denial.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you come to him that you might have life on his terms? And will you embrace his will, which is indeed the sweet will of God?

MY NOTES