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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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The Power of Two Gs

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Can you think of two words that start with **G** that contain great power? How about two words that start with **G** where one saves the other? Two words that start with **G** that involves the spoken language? I am talking about **G**ossip and **G**ospel.

The Bible teaches that both of these are powerful. One destroys while the other saves.

Gossip is rumors or information about the behavior or personal lives of other people. A gossip enjoys talking informally about the private affairs of others. The Old and New Testament warn against gossip reminding us this has been a fault of man for all time. Four of the seven things that God hates could involve gossip (Prov. 6).

Proverbs 20:19, *He who goes about as a talebearer (gossip) reveals secrets; therefore, do not associate with one who flatters with his lips. Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases* (Prov. 26:20). One of the results of idleness according to 1 Timothy 5 is gossip. James says the tongue is a little member that brings great damage and defiles the whole body. The tongue is evil and cannot be tamed and is full of deadly poison (James 3). Along with these verses and many others, we can see gossip has been a problem as long as tongues have existed.

Gospel is the good news about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15). It's used seventy-seven times in the New Testament. It is not something that is supposed to sit around or to be kept to oneself; it is to be shared. Why? the gospel is the power of God to salvation (Rm. 1:16). Jesus preached it (Mt. 4:23/9:35); He commanded it to be preached (Mk. 16:15-16); the apostles, including Paul preached it (Acts 15:7/(Rm. 15:16/1 Cor. 15:1)). We are to do the same.

Gossip is the opposite of **G**ospel. It is not to be shared. **G**ossip divides and destroys. It weakens a person's character and brings joy to the devil. **G**ossip spreads lies and not peace. **G**ossip betrays confidence and cuts deep. **G**ossip makes one dishonest and corrupt. **G**ossip is not of God. It's all bad. The **G**ospel unites and builds up. The **G**ospel strengthens character and brings eternal joy. The **G**ospel builds confidence and heals the soul. The **G**ospel makes one right before God. The **G**ospel is God's plan to save man. It's all good.

Jesus spoke a simple truth in Matthew 7:12, *Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.* We don't want people to gossip about us, so we shouldn't. We are blessed someone shared the Gospel with us, so we should love our neighbors enough to do the same.

Gossip is sin. The **G**ospel saves us from our sin. The devil says spread gossip; God says spread the **G**ospel. What say you?

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NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 134 Faith Is the Victory (Vs. 1-3)

Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 585 Soldiers of Christ Arise (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

Song: 707 To Christ Be Loyal and Be True (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 684 This World Is Not My Home

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:33

Sermon

Song: 421 Love Lifted Me

Song: 679 They'll Know We Are Christians (Vs. 1, 2)

Prayer

Matthew 6:33

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Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23