

Live through the gospel (Col. 1:15-20, 3:17-4:1)

So far... ; still can flesh out gospel-centrality even more

What a gospel-centred person asks:

How should I approach this part of my world/this issue/this area, and bring it in line with the gospel? How can the gospel shape this particular part of my life?

- 1. What do we mean when we say we live through the gospel? We mean live knowing Jesus is Lord. (Col. 1:15-20)**

The spotlight

The firstborn

The language of “all things”

Jesus is utterly relevant to everyone and everything!

“...There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry:

‘Mine!’

- **Abraham Kuyper**

It is Christians whose lives should put Jesus’ Lordship on display

Hence, Colossians 3:17 – All of my life becomes worship

- 2. How we can live through the gospel in every area of life: some worked examples (Col. 3:17-4:1)**

The focus (3:18, 20, 22, 23, 25; 4:1)

The gospel-centred life is worked out in the everyday ordinariness of life

Notice who Paul addresses first...

- **Wives-husbands**
- **Child-parent**
- **Slave-master**

- 3. How can we live through the gospel when the Bible doesn’t seem to talk about certain issues?**

Category 1: Does the Bible address this situation explicitly?

Category 2: Does the Bible tackle a similar situation?

Category 3: If there is no explicit instruction, how might the Bible describe what it means to live for Christ in a way that has implications for this issue?

2 more worked examples: other ethnicities & cultures // Instagram