

Who We Are (Vision)

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“We are a community of Christ followers, centered on biblical truth while sharing God’s kindness and good news in every relationship.”

1. We are a community

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We have a common-unity in Christ (Rom 14:7-8, 19)

2. of Christ followers

A parade of people carrying crosses (Matt. 16:24)

3. centered on biblical truth

Christ’s words are lasting and life-giving if we do them.
(Matthew 24:35; John 6:68; Luke 11:27-28; James 1:22)

4. while sharing God’s kindness

covenant faithfulness (Lam. 3:22); loyal love (Psa. 145:8);
loving-kindness (Psa. 63:3); seen in Christ (Titus 3:4-7)

5. and good news (Rom.1:16; see also 2 Tim 1:8-10)

6. in every relationship

To people inside and outside our fellowship
(Gal. 6:10; see also 1 Peter 2:12)

Who brings us together in community? Who won the victory for us on the cross? Whose word is life-giving? Who shows us God’s kindness? Who brings good news to the world? Who loves his own and seeks the lost?

This is a good quote explaining what some people mean when they say we need to “preach the gospel” even to ourselves, and to fellow believers.

Christians need to hear the gospel all of their lives because it is the gospel that continues to remind us that our day-to-day acceptance with the Father is not based on what we do for God but upon what Christ did for us in his sinless life and sin-bearing death. I began to see that we stand before God today as righteous as we ever will be, even in heaven, because he has clothed us with the righteousness of his Son. Therefore, I don’t have to perform to be accepted by God. Now I am free to obey him and serve him because I am already accepted in Christ (see Rom. 8:1). My driving motivation now is not guilt but gratitude.

[from The Discipline of Grace by Jerry Bridges 2006].