

The Simplicity of the Gospel

Psalm 146

Simple – “easily understood,” “plain, basic, or uncomplicated in form”

Complex – “consisting of many different and connected parts”

Complexity – “the quality of being complicated”

Simplicity – “the quality of being easy to understand”

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1. The Gospel Trusts in a Self-Revealed God: 2-4

1. God reveals himself to us in Jesus, His Son – John 16:13-15

2. The Gospel Recognizes a Powerful God: 5-7

1. God’s power to bring order to chaos is the beginning of Genesis
2. God’s power to bring life where there is death is the reality of the Gospel – Romans 8:9-11; 15:13, 18

3. The Gospel Declares a Compassionate God: 8-9

1. God loves so God delivers those he loves from oppression – 1 John 4:9-10
2. *God delivers those who need deliverance*

4. The Gospel Recognizes the Reign of God: 10a

1. God’s reign is usually different than we imagine – Revelation 11:16-19
2. God invites us to join him in his Reign, by living in the Kingdom of God

5. The Gospel Declares Praise for a Self-Revealed God: 1, 10

1. God reveals himself to us in Jesus so that we might recognize his full glory – Jn 17:6-8, 20-24

[The psalm] “proclaims old truths to a new generation of God’s people who stand in need of them.

In a period of low morale they are urged to rededicate themselves to the God who has been their help in ages past, in fact to “entrust themselves to a faithful creator” (1 Pet 4:19).

Faith is refueled so that praise may be rekindled.

The power of God as king, the true controller of the covenant people’s destiny, is attested in loyal acclaim.” (WBC 21.379-80)