

2010 Advance the Church Conference: The Gospel in the New South

[Bo Bohannon at www.lakecountryandbeyond.com personally recorded the following quotes. Additional words have been added, when needed, in order to fill in missing words from my hand written notes. Regrettably, I was not able to hear Tyler Jones and Matt Carter]

Johnny Hunt-Pastor of First Baptist Church of Woodstock, GA

- "The longer you are in ministry, the further away you become from the people you are trying to reach."
- "If you know what you got and you like it, don't be so quick to leave it." No source given
- "God give me a ministry upon which the son will never set."

Tertullian Tchividjian-Senior Pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church

- "When you begin your day in the presence of the Lord, it is very hard to think that you are large." Billy Graham—as shared by Tertullian
- "The greatest threat to the gospel does not exist outside the church but inside the church (legalism and moralism)."
- "People outside the church think the gospel is good people telling bad people how to be better; they think the gospel is rules and moral values."
- "Moralism, like a flu shot, inoculates people with the gospel, but it doesn't give them the real thing."
- "In Jesus, God does for sinners what sinners cannot do for themselves."
- "The gospel is the medicine Christians must take everyday; it is the fuel that keeps Christians going."
- "Never begin with what we must do, but what God has done."
- "You cannot please God out of obedience and guilt."
- "The Apostle Paul's teachings always begin with what God has already done not what we must do."
- "Our relationship with God does not depend on our getting better."
- "It's not your old life you want back, but old idols."
- "Far too many Christians live below the level of their privileges."
- "You can't beat someone who gets the gospel, for they have nothing to loose, nothing to protect, and nothing to prove."
- "Real slavery is trying to live life to gain favor; freedom is understanding that Jesus has already earned God's favor and acceptance for us."
- "Make people wish the gospel were true, and then show them that it is." Blaise Pascal—as quoted by Tertullian

- "Soak in the vertical indicatives. Only then we will carry out our horizontal imperatives."

Jerome Gay-Lead Pastor Of Vision International Church, Raleigh, NC

- "God calls us to faces, not fields."
- "Extreme Grace turns into liberalism; extreme truth turns into legalism."
- "My burden: to see thugs turn into theologians."
- "The organizers of this conference gave a black man thirty-minutes to speak, they evidently do not understand contextualization."
- "We will share a sell at Target quicker than we will share the gospel."
- "Contextualization void of the Spirit becomes social confinement."
- "In order to see culture received, our burden must outweigh our bias."

JD Grear-Lead Pastor Of The Summit Church, Raleigh, NC

- "Intimacy with your wife produces offspring, but in the moment you don't think about producing fruit—you are simply caught up in the intimacy. To walk in the Spirit does not mean that you think in terms of I need more patience, longsuffering, kindness, and self-control... No. You have intimacy with Jesus and out of this intimacy comes patience, longsuffering, kindness, and self-control..."
- "How do we motivate others to give? The Baptist do so by guilt; Pentecostals do so by Greed—give and get blessed; Paul does so through grace (2 Cor 8 & 9)."

Ed Stetzer-President Of Lifeway Research

- "The gospel is not something you get over; the gospel is something you live in."
- "Passive spectators in the church nod in agreement to the message preached and then go out and do nothing for the fame of Jesus."
- "Contextualization is making the gospel more understandable; it is not to make it more palatable."
- "The Gospel is not you do; the gospel is Jesus did."
- "We have to proclaim the gospel, not make people nice. Stop trying to moralize the unconverted, instead convert the immoral."
- "The Christian aim is "not to get people to turn over a new leaf, but to receive a new life."
- "Proximity is not community."

- "The most common sin in the church is people sitting in the pews and doing nothing for the advancement of the gospel yet calling themselves followers of Jesus."
- "The church is not the center of God's plan, Jesus is, but the church is central to God's plan."
- "The church is a whore, but she is still my mother."
Augustine—as quoted by Stetzer
- "Building + Clergy + Program= Church No! Church is a body sent on mission for the kingdom."
- "Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter."
Charles Spurgeon—as quoted by Stetzer

Mark Driscoll—Preaching Pastor Of Mars Hill Church, Seattle, WA

- "Cessationism is the death nail of a missional church."
- "Preachers must see themselves as Missiologists—knowing the culture that we live in."
- "Beware of methodolatry where ministry methods become our idols."
- "Be cross oriented not cause oriented."
- "Preach a gospel for now, not later."
- "Watch out for congregational government. Give your people a voice, not a vote. You will end up compromising."

David Platt—Pastor Of The Church At Brook Hills, Birmingham, AL

- "Gospel theology compels urgent missiology."
- "Those who are most effective at reaching the many are those who are passionate about reaching the one."
- "Church budgets reveal how much we believe the gospel."