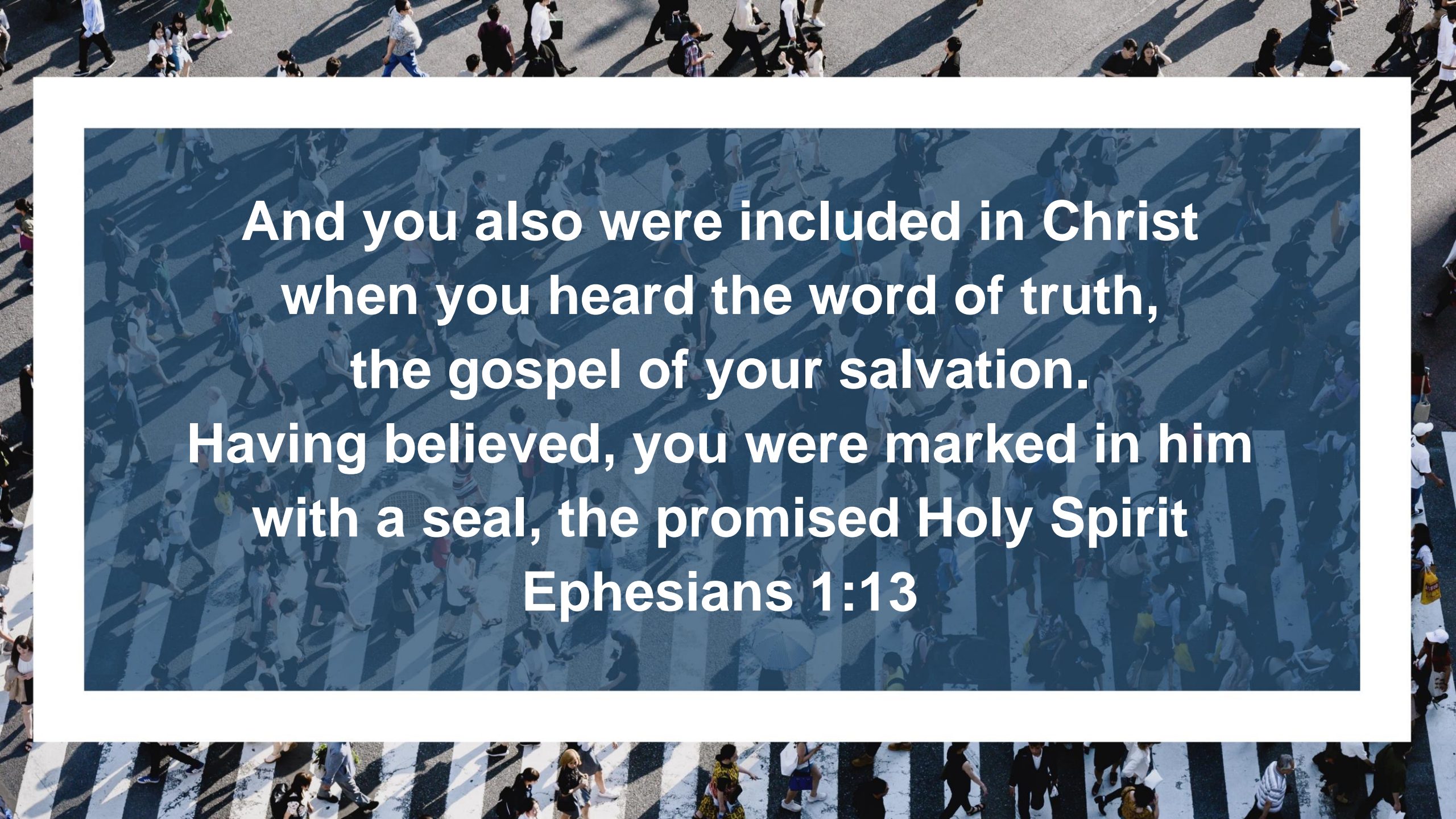
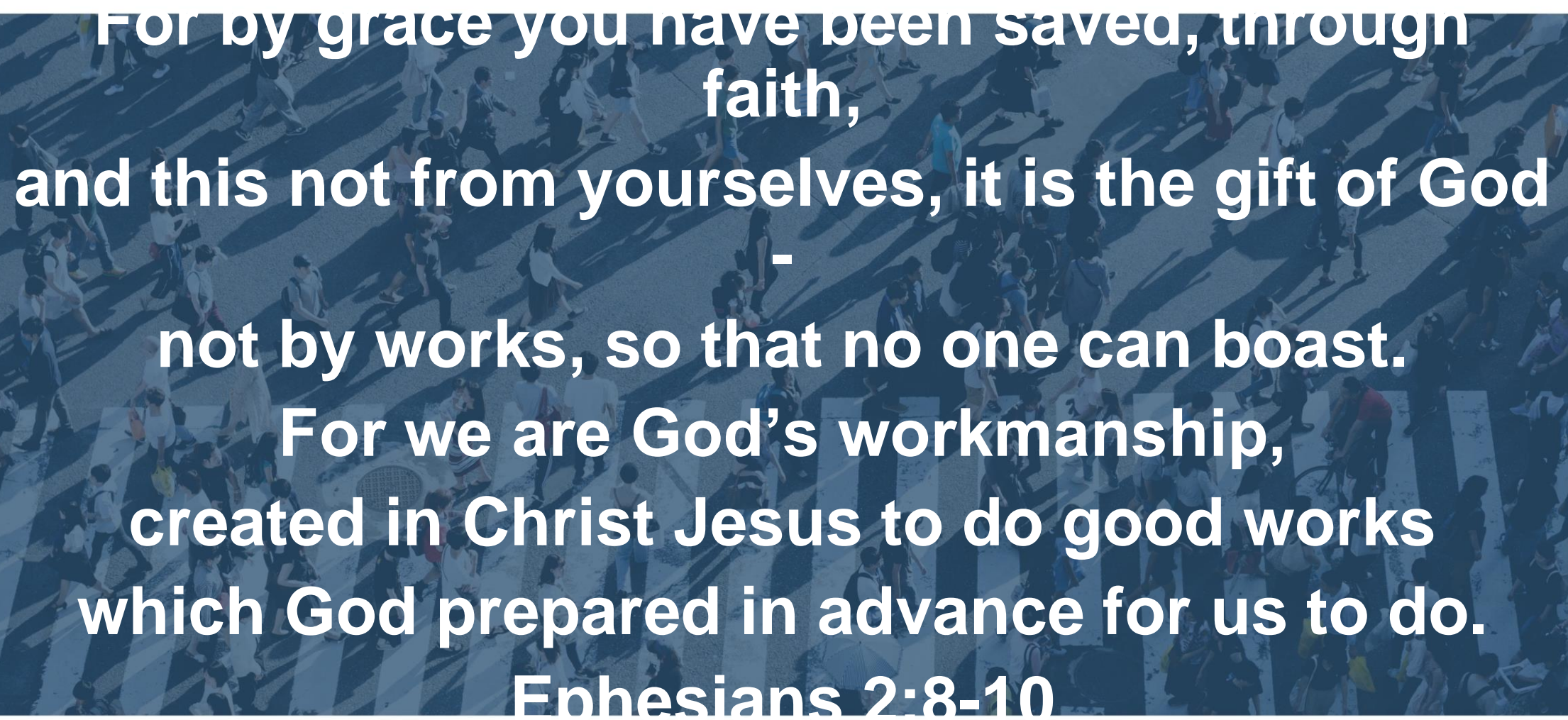


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Church Is...
Gospel Community
Ephesians 1:13 ; 2:8-10



**And you also were included in Christ
when you heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation.
Having believed, you were marked in him
with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit
Ephesians 1:13**



**For by grace you have been saved, through
faith,
and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
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not by works, so that no one can boast.
For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works
which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:8-10**


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What the gospel is

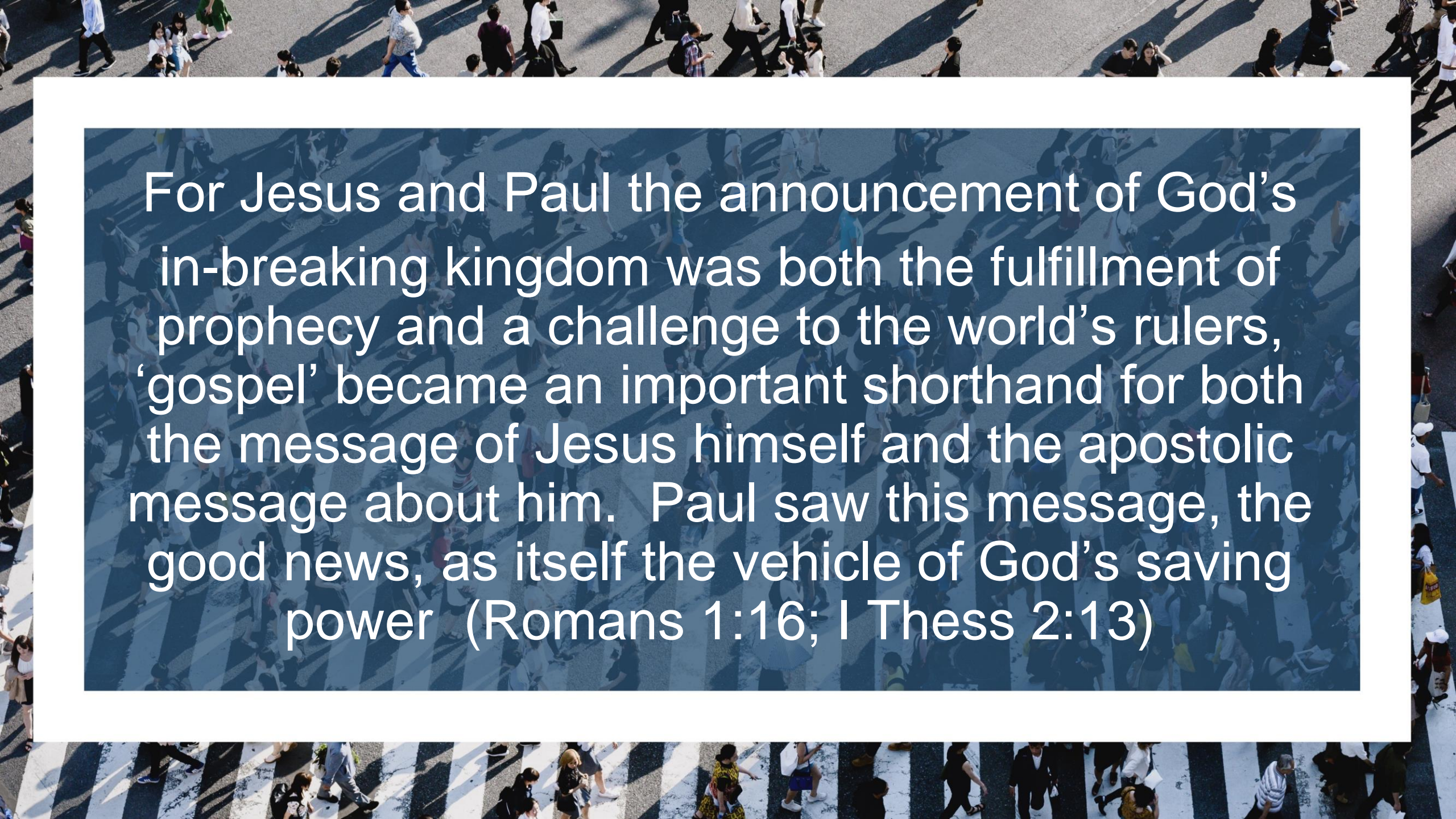
Mark 1:1

Romans 1:16

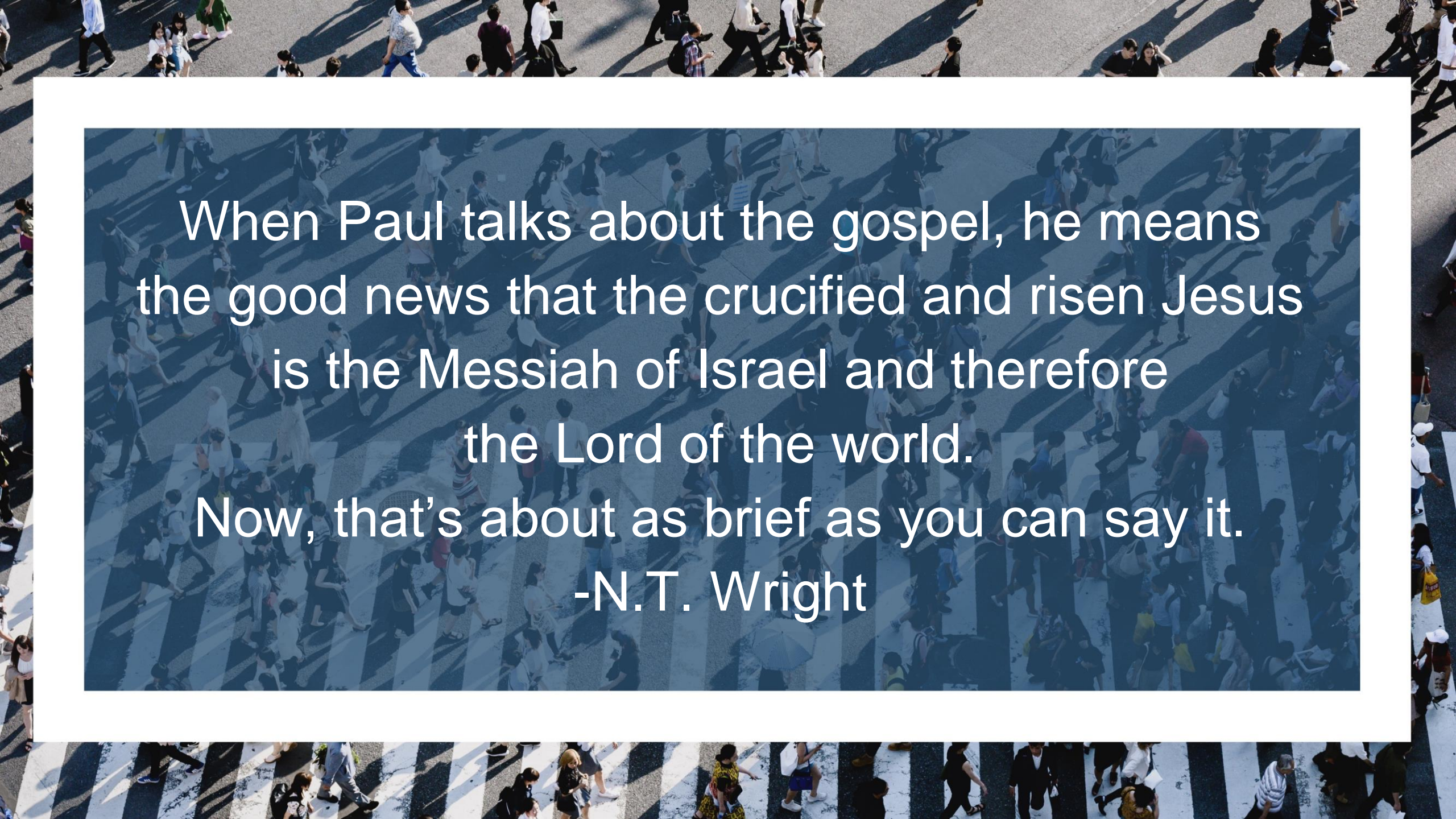
I Corinthians 15:3-6

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To hold the gospel message as
“of first importance”
means our theology is gospel-centered
and our church is gospel community



For Jesus and Paul the announcement of God's in-breaking kingdom was both the fulfillment of prophecy and a challenge to the world's rulers, 'gospel' became an important shorthand for both the message of Jesus himself and the apostolic message about him. Paul saw this message, the good news, as itself the vehicle of God's saving power (Romans 1:16; I Thess 2:13)



When Paul talks about the gospel, he means
the good news that the crucified and risen Jesus
is the Messiah of Israel and therefore
the Lord of the world.

Now, that's about as brief as you can say it.

-N.T. Wright



Four-Fold Gospel
Jesus is:
Savior (Acts 4:12)
Sanctifier (I Cor. 1:3)
Healer (James 5:15)
Coming King (Acts 1:11)
-A.B. Simpson



Gospel Outline

1. The Son of God emptied himself and came into the world in Jesus Christ, becoming a servant
 2. Jesus Christ died on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice
 3. Jesus Christ rose from the grave as the first fruits of a whole renewed world
- Simon Gathercole

An aerial photograph of a busy pedestrian crossing, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle. The image shows a large number of people walking in various directions across a zebra crossing. Long shadows are cast across the pavement, indicating it is either early morning or late afternoon. The text is centered within the blue overlay.

Gospel Grammer


The indicative always comes
before the imperative

An aerial photograph of a busy pedestrian crossing, showing many people walking across the street. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. In the center, there is a white text box containing two lines of text.

The gospel does not begin with what we do
The gospel is good news about what God has done

An aerial photograph of a busy city street, showing a large crowd of pedestrians crossing a zebra crossing. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "What the gospel changes" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

What the gospel changes



The gospel changes our thinking
Implications of the Incarnation (Jesus came)
Implications of the Atonement (Jesus died)
Implications of the Resurrection (Jesus rose)

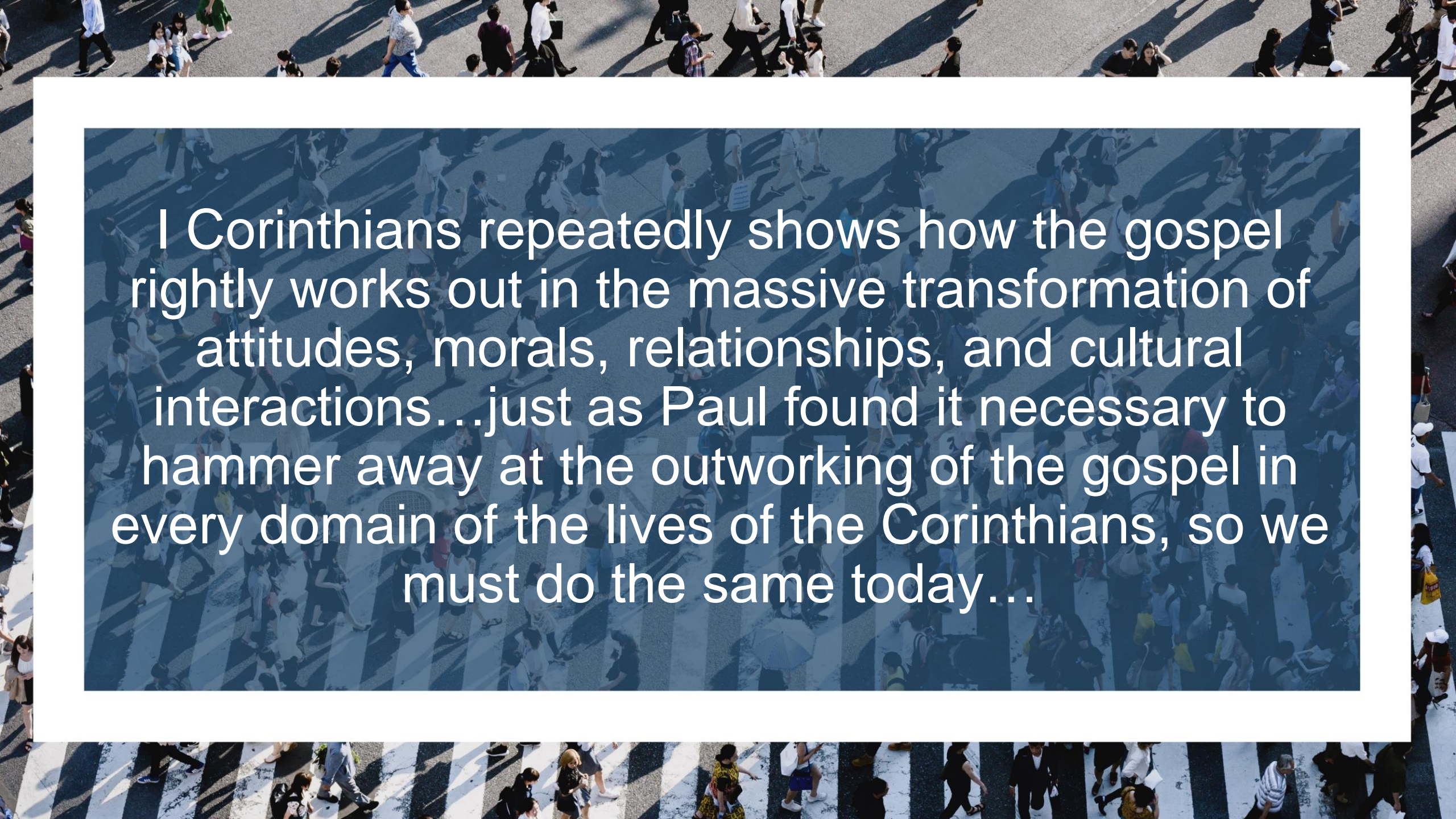
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The gospel changes everything!

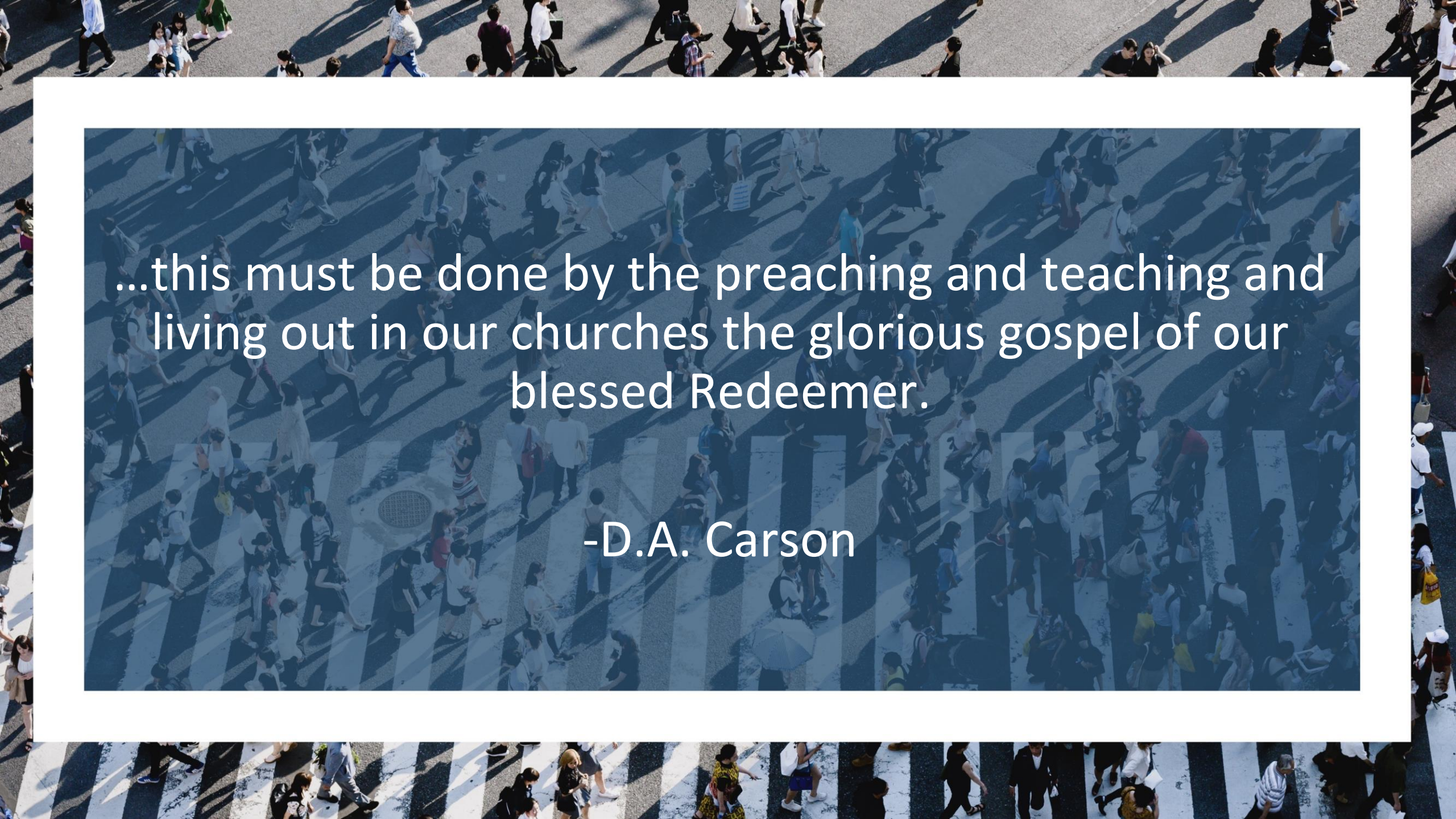
Romans 1:16-17

Colossians 1:5-6

II Peter 1:3-9

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1 Corinthians repeatedly shows how the gospel rightly works out in the massive transformation of attitudes, morals, relationships, and cultural interactions...just as Paul found it necessary to hammer away at the outworking of the gospel in every domain of the lives of the Corinthians, so we must do the same today...

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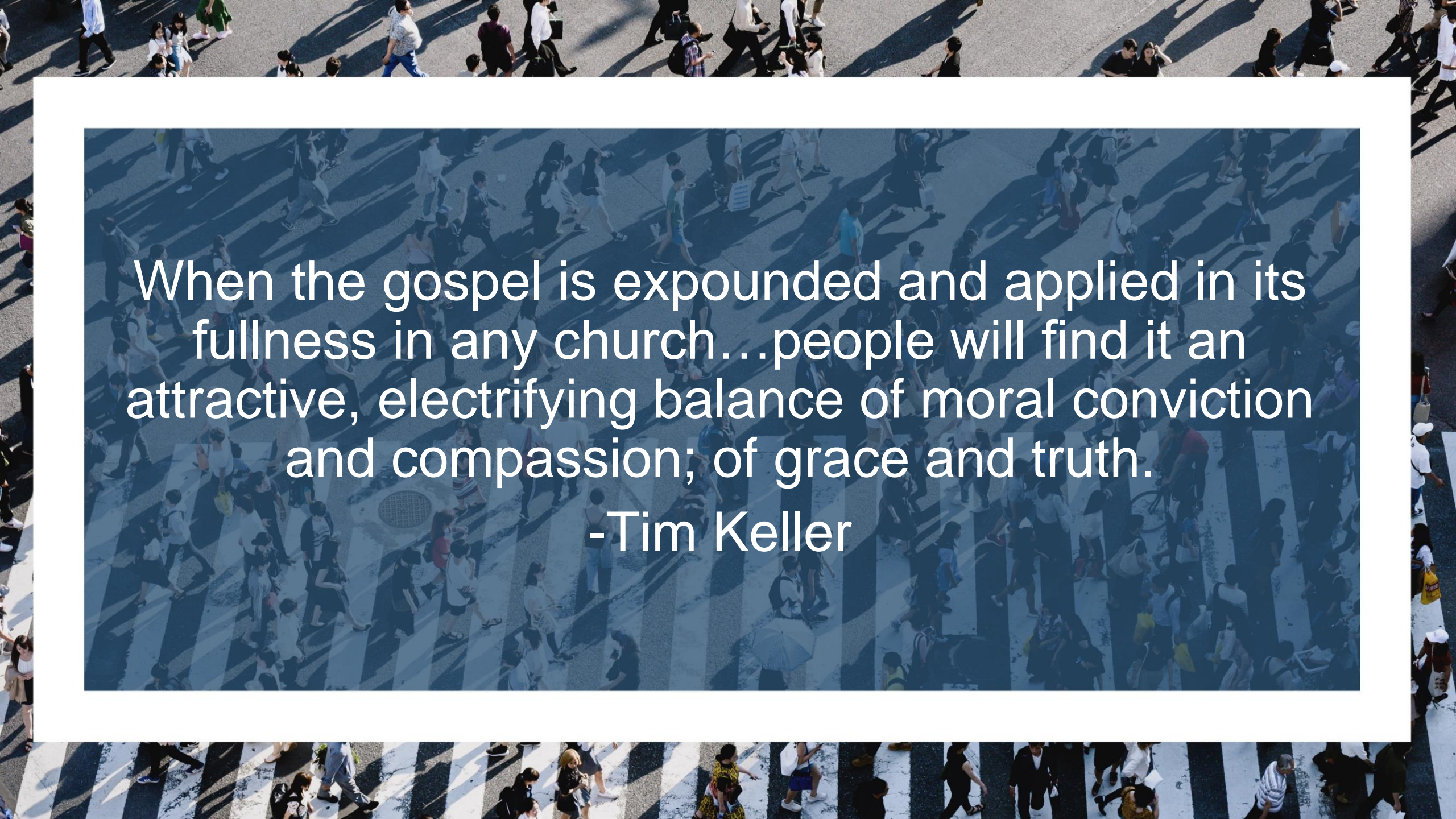
...this must be done by the preaching and teaching and living out in our churches the glorious gospel of our blessed Redeemer.

-D.A. Carson




Gospel Response

1. Be Saved - by believing the gospel
2. Be Transformed - by believing again & again
3. Be gospel community - the gospel shaping us

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When the gospel is expounded and applied in its fullness in any church...people will find it an attractive, electrifying balance of moral conviction and compassion; of grace and truth.

-Tim Keller



The gospel is truth to be received and believed,
and the very power of God to transform. The
gospel changes everything!

I Corinthians 2:1

I Thessalonians 2:4

Romans 1:16-17