

From the Sermon “Gospel Clarity” by Voddie Baucham

“...God created the world (Genesis 1:1-2:3). And God created man, and He put man in the garden to keep the garden (Genesis 2:4-25). And He gave the man a command, and He held that man to perfect perpetual obedience to that command and He promised him life if he kept it and death if he didn’t. And he didn’t keep it, he ate and because he ate, because of that one-man sin entered the world, and death through sin (Genesis 3:1-24). And everyone born from that man through ordinary generation inherited that man’s sin nature (Romans 5:1-21). And because of that sin nature sins proceed from it (Jeremiah 17:9-10). And our world is broken because of that sin. And we stand guilty before a holy and righteous God (Hebrews 4:1-13). And we know that He’s holy (Revelation 15:4), and we know that He’s righteous (Psalm 97:6-7) and we crave justice but the problem is that if God gives us justice we all die (Hebrews 9:27). And so that God in His goodness and in His mercy sent forth His Son (Galatians 4:1-7), who was not born of ordinary generation, but was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-25), yes, the virgin birth matters! Why, because if He’s born of ordinary generation He’s born in sin. But because He’s not born of ordinary generation He’s not born in sin He’s clean of sin, His record is clean. And He keeps His record clean, and He obeys God’s law; and because He’s fully God and fully man (John 1:1-34), He obeys the law of God on our behalf, in His active obedience, and then in His passive obedience God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21); All we like sheep had gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way but God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:4-6). And Christ died for sin, once for all, the just for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18-22). And God imputes our sinfulness to Him. And He nails our sinfulness to the tree (Colossians 2:13-15); And Christ dies and raises again on the third day for our justification (Romans 4:13-5:5); and there is another imputation, the righteousness of Christ is actually imputed to us, so that God can be both just and the justifier of the one who places faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:21-26). [And that Faith demonstrates repentance of sin and leads to salvation (2 Corinthians 7:9-10)]¹ So that all those who come to Christ may enter in (Hebrews 4:1-13). So that all those who place faith in Christ might be saved, but not only saved, but sanctified; because He’s the firstborn of many brethren (Romans 8:29-30). We’re justified and we’re adopted into the family of God (Ephesians 1:5-7). And we’re sanctified, and as His children we begin to bear the family resemblance and we’re further sanctified throughout this life by the very same gospel that saved us (2 Timothy 1:9-10); until one day when it’s all said and done. We’re not just saved from the penalty of sin (Romans 6:18-23); we’re not just saved from the power of sin (1 Corinthians 15:12-28), but one day we’re glorified and saved from the very presence of sin (Revelation 21:1-27). That’s the gospel that we preach. That’s the gospel that we need and that’s the gospel that’s more than enough.”²

¹ Added for Doctrinal clarity of the Gospel.

² Partial Transcription of the Sermon “Gospel Clarity” - Shepherd’s Conference 2022 General Session 4 [Scripture References added.]