

Anchored in Christ **Norm Wakefield**

Intro

1. The Gospel is the _____ for life.
2. Powerless Gospel = Powerless _____ = Powerless _____.
3. We must live and teach a Gospel of power if we are to be... _____.

A Powerful Provision.

1. God has provided a powerful gospel with a powerful promise and a predictable purpose in Jesus, our hope. Hebrews 6:17-20
2. Our hope is in the gospel: What God has revealed in and through Jesus Christ. Col. 1:3-5

A Potent Gospel

1. **Who Jesus is.** Jesus Christ is God's Son Heb. 1:1
2. **What Jesus is.** He is our high priest. Heb. 4:14-16, 8:1
3. **What Jesus did.** After making purification for sins. Heb. 1:3
4. **Where Jesus is.** He sat down at the right hand of the Father. Heb. 1:3, 12:3
5. **What Jesus is doing.** Where he intercedes for us (Heb. 7:25) and runs all things by the word of His power. Heb. 1:3
6. **What Jesus has purposed.** He will preserve us through suffering, trials, and temptations. Heb. 7:24-25; 10:39-11:2
7. **What Jesus has promised.** By giving us grace and mercy. Heb. 4:1, 16
8. **What believers must practice.** If we will draw near and hold fast our confession

Our Confession

Jesus Christ is God's Son and our high priest. After He made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Father where He intercedes for us and runs all things by the word of His power. He will preserve us through suffering, trials, and temptations by giving us grace and mercy if we will draw near and hold fast our confession.

A Prevailing Problem

1. Don't _____ Heb. 2:1-3

2. Watch out for _____ Heb. 3:12-14

A Precious Promise

1. Grace. Heb. 4:16

2. Mercy. Heb. 4:16

A Predetermined Purpose

1. To teach His creatures that they can't have grace and mercy without a relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - a. He reveals the truth about you through events and relationships in life by the power of His Word. Heb. 4:12-13
 - b. He's shaking what you depend on instead of Him. Heb. 12:26-27
2. To test and produce the same kind of faith as that of Jesus Christ in His people—an unshakable faith.

A Prevailing Practice: Draw Near! Hold Fast!

1. Fix your eyes on Jesus. Heb. 12:1-2
2. Find a place to repent of drifting/unbelief. Heb. 12:1, 15-17
3. Give thanks to God or be consumed. Heb. 12:28-29

Discussion Questions for family

1. What do you think about Norm's definition of life: A series of blessings and storms sent from God for the purpose of revealing the power of a relationship with God through Jesus Christ? How does such a view of life impact the way one would live?
2. How does James 1:22 and 2:17 relate to being anchored in Jesus Christ?
3. What aspect of "Our Confession" was most meaningful for you?
4. Do you drift in unbelief, and what happens when you do?
5. Why is it important to realize that we shouldn't react to the circumstances but respond to God in them?
6. If you or a friend hasn't had grace for an event or relationship in life, what does that mean? What should you do when you realize someone has fallen short of living by grace in life?

This message is a summary of the last six chapters of my book, *Anchored in Christ: A Solid Rock in the Storms of Life*. It is also a part of a new series entitled, "Raised Up With Christ: Living in Spirit and Truth" available in both DVD and CD in May. Please visit us at my booth in the vendor hall and at www.spiritofelijah.com where you can find numerous resources to equip men, teens, and the next generation.