

“Colossal Gospel Patterns”

John 15:2

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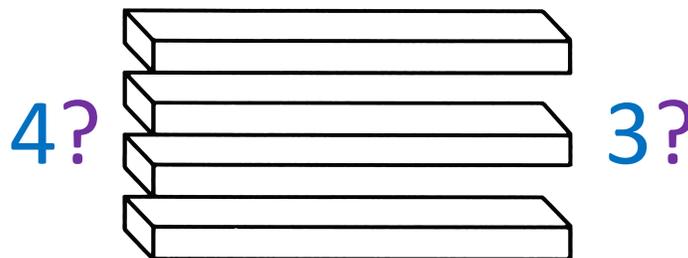
INTRO: Q: What do you think the earliest & longest-lasting, largest & most eternal “pattern” in the Bible? Macro vs. micro

VIDEO: “Google’s Colossal Perspective”

CONTEXT:

- **Gospel Gardening** sermon series...
 - Roots, Fruits, & Boots...*To get a better understanding of*
 - **Christ, Christianity, & The Church**
 - **Roots = Patterns, Promises, & Presence...**
 - Jesus on Jesus in the O.T.
 - Acts 1:8 in action
 - **SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!**

Count the bars...



- **Proverbs 29:18** - “Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint/perish, but blessed are those who uphold the Law.”

BIG IDEA:

The colossal gospel has eternal guardrails!

(Obedience brings joy, disobedience brings pain.)

PREVIEW:

1. Fruit & Faith
2. Covenant & Consequences
3. Fear & Family

T/S: Today we'll do a "fly-by" to see the macro patterns & next week pick back up with *micro movements*.
(Creation, Garden, Abel, Ark, Abe, Isaac, Jacob, Moses)

I. FRUIT & FAITH

- *...colossal gospel patterns from the beginning!*
- Let's go back to the Garden of Eden...
 - **Genesis 1:27-28... "blessing / BE fruitful"**
 - 3 trees = **truth, trust** or **trouble**; fruit & faith
 - **Living faith = living fruit**
 - *Lack of faith leads to dead &/or deadly fruit!*

VIDEO: "Biblical Patterns"

- See the colossal gospel pattern in the fall!
 - See... submit... surrender = **VICTORY**
 - See... take... fall = **crash & burn**

T/S: In the same way that “**Fruit & Faith**” go together... so do “*Covenant & Consequences*”

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"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. - Jesus

II. COVENANT & CONSEQUENCES

- **Don't miss the colossal gospel pattern here...**
 - In or out of the *Garden*
 - In or out of *faithful obedience*
 - In or out of the *Ark*
 - In or out of the *family of God*
 - In or out of *God's blessing*
 - In or out of your proverbial “*Egypt*”
 - In or out of the *desert or Promised Land*
 - In or out of **HEAVEN** or **HELL...**

VIDEO: “*Covenants*”

➤ **Consequences:**

- ...one bite of the fruit...
- 1st death occurred to cover up another's sin
- ...doing it your way vs God's way (ie. Ismael)
- ...rich young ruler
- Read the book of Hebrews!
- Lukewarm people puked out in Revelation

VIDEO: *“Francis Chan Simple Gospel 1”*

➤ This is God's Word! **Hear His great divide...**

- Only Creator vs. all-created
- Dark vs. light
- Truth & Love vs. Lies & lust
- Father of love vs. father of lies
- Disciples vs. Deceivers
- Gatherers vs. Scatterers
- Good news vs. bad news
- Faithful vs. phonies
- Christlike churches vs. cultural crowds
- Those in Obedience vs. those who “balance”
- Narrow way vs. the broad way
- The few vs. the many
- The Saved vs. the lost
- Worship vs. warfare
- Following vs. feelings
- Inspiration vs. emotion
- Repent & obey vs. persist in pride

T/S: Those with **Fear & Faith** vs. **Fools & folly**

III. FEAR & FAMILY

Fear & Family are just as consistent a part of the colossal gospel's pattern, promise, power, and purpose... as is Fruit, Faith, Covenant & Consequences!

Please hear the words of our LORD: [John 15:1-8](#)

I Am the True Vine

1“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2**Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3**Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4**Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5**I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6**If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8**By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

VIDEO: *Francis Chan Simple Gospel 2*

Hear the rest of the **Matthew 7** passage: **(fear & family)**

15"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. **16**By their fruits you will know them. Do you gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? **17**Even so, every good tree produces good fruit; but the corrupt tree produces evil fruit. **18**A good tree can't produce evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree produce good fruit. **19**Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. **20**Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.

21Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22**Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?' **23**Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'

The House on the Rock

24"Everyone therefore who hears these words of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock. **25**The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on the rock. **26**Everyone who hears these words of mine, and doesn't do them will be like a foolish man, who built his house on the sand. **27**The rain came down, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."

The Authority of Jesus

28It happened, when Jesus had finished saying these things, that the multitudes were astonished at his teaching, **29**for he taught them with authority, and not like the scribes.

T/S:

Galatians 4:15-16

Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?

CLOSE:

The Main Purpose of Ministry

By John Piper

We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. (Hebrews 10:39)

Don't look at the temporary cost of love, and shrink back from confidence in God's infinitely superior promises. If you shrink back, not only will you lose out on the promises; you will be destroyed.

Hell is at stake in whether we shrink back or persevere. It's not just the loss of a few extra rewards that hangs in the balance. **Hebrews 10:39** says, "***We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed.***" That is eternal judgment.

So, we warn each other: Don't drift away. Don't love the world. Don't start thinking nothing huge is at stake.

Fear the terrible prospect of not cherishing the promises of God above the promises of sin. As **Hebrews 3:13–14** says, *“Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”*

But mainly we must focus on the preciousness of the promises and help each other value above all things how great the reward is that Christ has purchased for us. We must say to each other what **Hebrews 10:35** says: *“Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.”*

And then we must help each other see the greatness of the reward.

That is the main task of preaching, and the main purpose of small groups and all the ministries of the church: helping people see the greatness of what Christ has purchased for everyone who will value it above the world. Helping people see it and savor it, so that God’s superior worth shines in their satisfaction and in the sacrifices that come from such a heart.

T/S: *The gospel’s guardrails NEVER change!*

- **By grace...** Fruit & Faith
- **By grace...** Covenant & Consequences
- **By grace...** Fear & Family

Matthew 12:33

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

33 *“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.*

CLOSE:

PLEASE... think about 3 other trees & their:

- Fruit & faith...
- Covenant & consequences.
- Fear & Family!

1. The Tree of Life
2. The Tree/cross that Christ died on
3. The Tree/cross He calls you & me to carry.
(...everyone who loses his life for My sake will find it!)

Some things NEVER change!

Let's PRAY