

SESSION 4

BLESSED

Assurance



Baby's
First
Steps

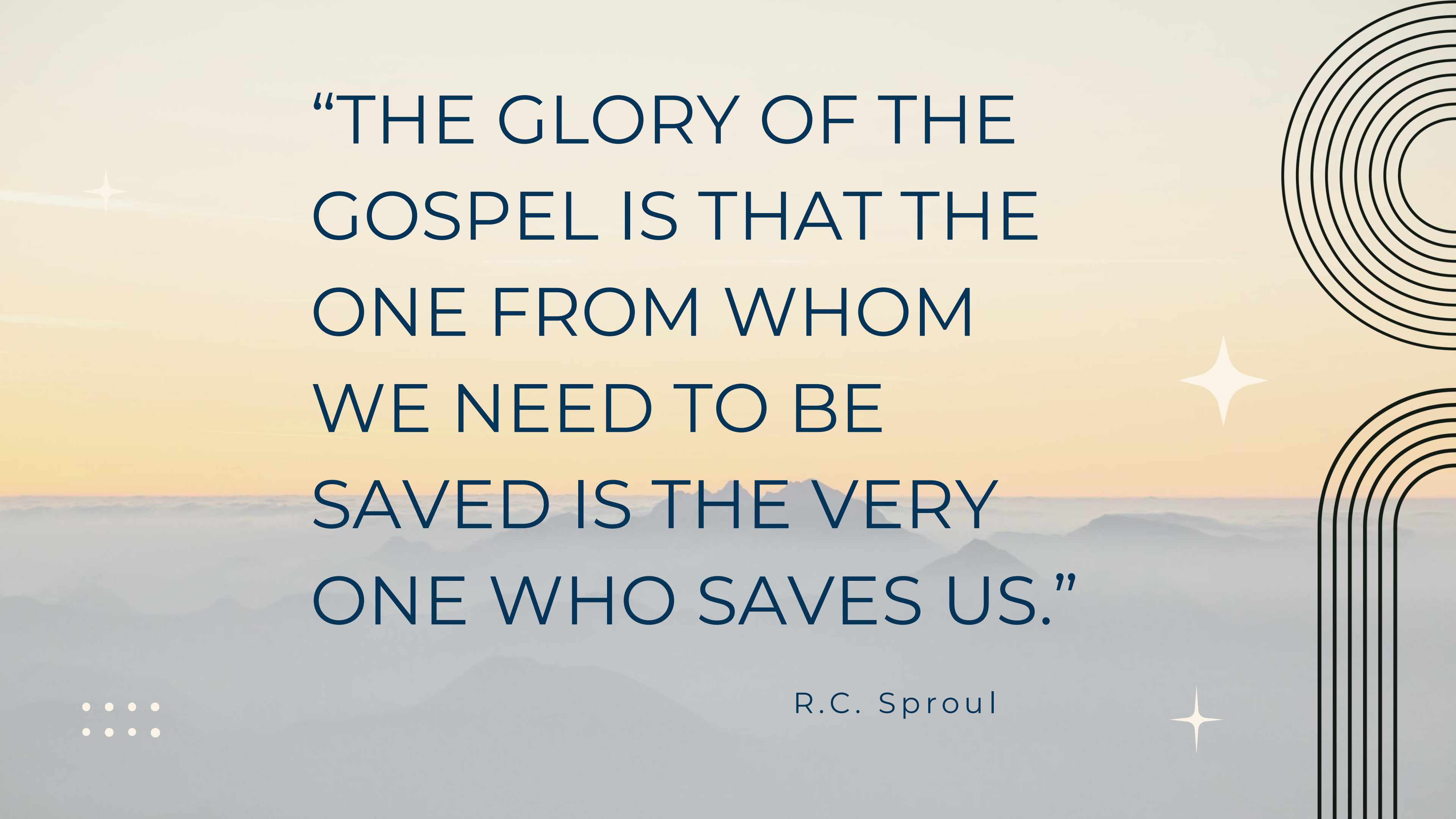


CENTRAL IDEA:

Whether we rise or fall,
we remain God's
children. But we make it
our aim to please him.

Titus 3:4-8

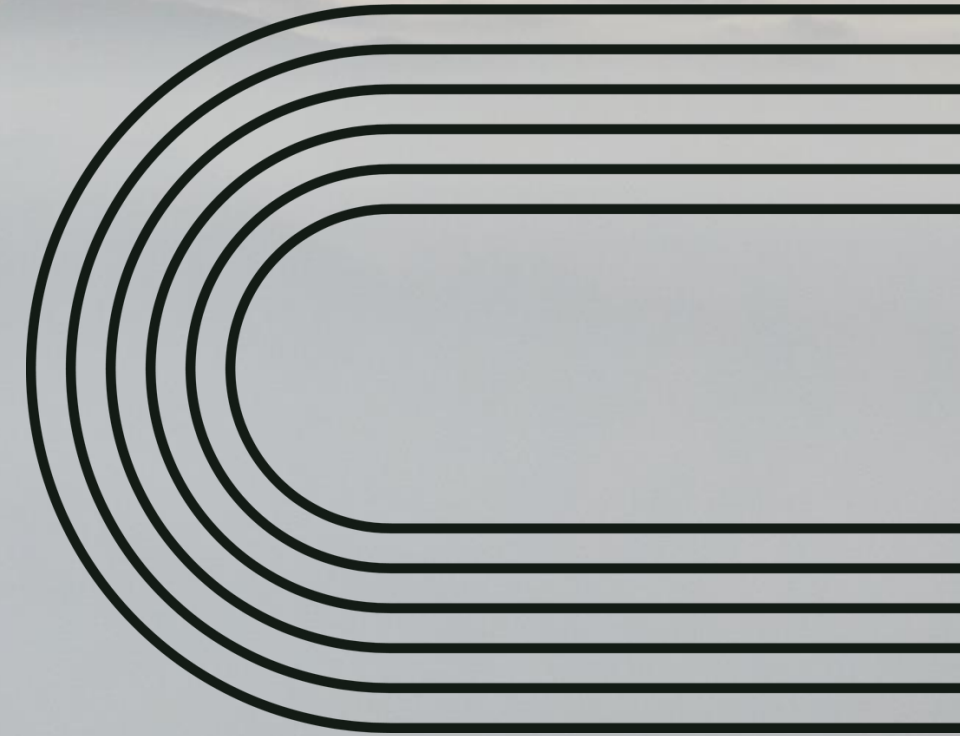
“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 **he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.** He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good.”



“THE GLORY OF THE
GOSPEL IS THAT THE
ONE FROM WHOM
WE NEED TO BE
SAVED IS THE VERY
ONE WHO SAVES US.”

R.C. Sproul





Holiness is
about putting
on Christ for the
joy of being like
our **beloved**.



Hebrews 12:5-6,10

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because **the Lord disciplines the one he loves,** and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

...God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.

WHY DO GOOD WORKS?

Isaiah 64:6

“all our righteous
acts are like filthy
rags,”



Salvation by grace,
through faith--NOT
works

Hebrews 11:6

“without faith, it is
impossible to
please God.”



WITH faith, it is
possible to please
God

Philippians 2:13,NLT

“God is working in
you, giving you the
desire and the
power to do what
pleases him.”



God enables us to
do works that
please him





“When we've been engrafted into Christ, [we ourselves] are righteous in God's sight because our iniquities are covered by Christ's sinlessness, so [also] our works are righteous... Because whatever fault is otherwise in them is buried in Christ's purity, and is not charged to our account... **By faith alone, not only we ourselves but our works as well are justified.**”

John Calvin



Good parents love their
children unconditionally.
But good parents are also
pleased when their child
obeys them, exhibits good
character, wise behavior,
clear judgement, and a
loving and compassionate
nature.



THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

Imagine you are the boy who shared his lunch...

Jesus multiplies what we offer him.

Jesus turns scarcity into abundance

Jesus doesn't waste nor overlook
our small efforts.

Philippians 3:20-21, NLT

"But we are **citizens of heaven**, where the Lord Jesus lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control."

Revelation 22:17, 20

“The spirit and the bride say,
'Come.' And let the one who
hears say, 'Come.' And let
the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who desires take
the water of life without
price.... 'Surely I am coming
soon.' Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus!"



BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:14-21

