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A Biblical Vision For A Healthy Local Church

ABOUT HCC

Against the backdrop of a rather spiritually dull, lifeless and desperately needy New England context – ripe for harvest and rich with opportunity for a holy (other) spiritual experience –

God has providentially gathered together this group of Christians who share a like faith within a diversely unified expression of humble orthodoxy in the Baptist tradition.

Central to our identity are the following:

- The God-centeredness of God
- The centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things
 - **A strong teaching ministry model**
- Genuine Christian community and relational vitality
 - Creative cultural and civic involvement

1. *The Captain of Preaching & Teaching*
The Ministry of Jesus: God communicating God!

2. *The Call to Preaching / Teaching*
The Great Commission (MT 28)
Because God preached God, therefore we preach God

3. *The Content of Preaching & Teaching*
One God, One Savior, One message, Two Words
Law: always and only demands, never gives
Gospel: always and only gives, never demands

4. *The Creation of Preaching & Teaching*
Law produces Repentance
Gospel creates faith

5. *The Connection of Preaching & Teaching*
Effects of regeneration upon the soul unto obedience of faith and good works

Heb 1:1-14 **Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,** whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. (3) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (4) having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs”

Jesus is the Captain of Preaching & Teaching

(John 21:25) Now there are also many **other things** that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

He preached:

(Mat 4:17) From that time Jesus began to **preach**, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

(Mat 11:1) When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to **teach and preach** in their cities.

(Mar 1:38) And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that **I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.**"

(Luk 4:43) but he said to them, "I must **preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.**"

He taught:

(Mat 5:2) And he opened his mouth and **taught** them, saying:

(Mat 13:54) and coming to his hometown he **taught** them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

(Mar 1:22) And they were astonished at his **teaching**, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

(Mar 10:1) And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he **taught** them.

(Mar 12:35) And as Jesus **taught** in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David?"

(Luk 5:3) Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and **taught** the people from the boat.

(Luk 11:1) Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, **teach** us to pray, as John **taught** his disciples."

(Joh 6:45) It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be **taught by God.**' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father **comes to me--**

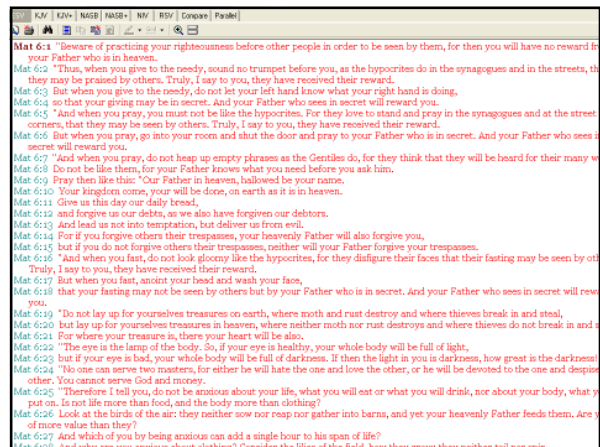
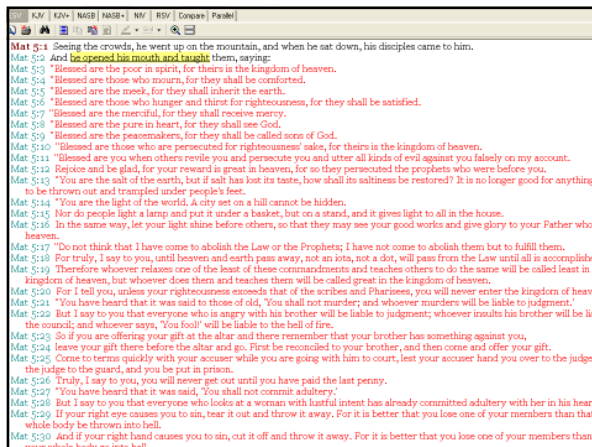
(Joh 7:28) So Jesus **proclaimed, as he taught** in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.

(Joh 8:2) Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and **taught** them.

(Joh 18:20) Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always **taught in** synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.

He Preached & Taught MASSIVELY

- (1) How are citizens of the kingdom to live (**chs. 5-7**)?
 - (2) How are traveling disciples to conduct themselves on their evangelistic journeys (**ch. 10**)?
 - (3) What parables did Jesus tell (**ch. 13**)?
 - (4) What warning did Jesus give about not hindering entrance into the kingdom and on forgiveness (**chs. 18-20**)?
 - (5) How will human history end (**chs. 24-25**)?
- Matthew even used a set formula to signal these units, ending them with the statement "when Jesus had finished [these sayings]" (**7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1**).



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Mat 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Mat 7:2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Mat 7:3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Mat 7:4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

Mat 7:5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Mat 7:6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

Mat 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Mat 7:8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Mat 7:9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

Mat 7:10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

Mat 7:11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give things to those who ask him!

Mat 7:12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Mat 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

Mat 7:14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Mat 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Mat 7:16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

Mat 7:17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

Mat 7:18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Mat 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Mat 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Mat 7:27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it!"

Mat 7:28 **And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,**

Mat 7:29 **for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.**

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Mat 8:1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Mat 8:2 The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee and John his brother;

Mat 8:3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

Mat 8:4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Mat 8:5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Mat 8:6 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Mat 8:7 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

Mat 8:8 Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts,

Mat 8:9 no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.

Mat 8:10 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.

Mat 8:11 As you enter the house, greet it.

Mat 8:12 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Mat 8:13 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.

Mat 8:14 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Mat 8:15 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Mat 8:16 Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues.

Mat 8:17 And you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

Mat 8:18 When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

Mat 8:19 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Mat 8:20 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.

Mat 8:21 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Mat 8:22 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Mat 8:23 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

Mat 8:24 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelshazzar, how much more will they malign those of his household.

Mat 8:25 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

Mat 8:26 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Mat 8:27 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mat 8:28 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

Mat 8:29 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

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Mat 24:1 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.

Mat 24:2 But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Mat 24:3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.

Mat 24:5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.

Mat 24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

Mat 24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

Mat 24:8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Mat 24:9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Mat 24:15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

Mat 24:16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Mat 24:17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house,

Mat 24:18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.

Mat 24:19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!

Mat 24:20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Mat 24:22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Mat 24:23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it.

Mat 24:24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

Mat 24:25 See, I have told you beforehand.

Mat 24:26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Mat 24:28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Mat 24:30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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Mat 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

Mat 25:3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

Mat 25:4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

Mat 25:5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

Mat 25:6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

Mat 25:11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

Mat 25:12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Mat 25:13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Mat 25:14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.

Mat 25:15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Mat 25:16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.

Mat 25:17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

Mat 25:18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Mat 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Mat 25:20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

Mat 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Mat 25:22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

Mat 25:23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Mat 25:24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you do not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,

Mat 25:25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

Mat 25:26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed?

Mat 25:27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.'

Mat 25:28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

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He taught:
Men. Women. Children.
Rich. Poor. Educated. Uneducated, ordinary people
In the Temple
In the synagogues
In the homes
In the fields
By the Sea
At night, early in the morning, all day long
Alone in prayer to the Father (Jn 17)
On Sabbath day
All the week long

He preached and taught God!

And He came for a purpose:
Mar 8:31-33 **And he began to teach them**
(for the very first time in Mark's gospel) that
the Son of Man must suffer many things and be
rejected by the elders and the chief priests and
the scribes and be **killed**, and after three days
rise again. (32) And he said this plainly.

John 3:33-36 Whoever receives his
testimony sets his seal to this, that God is
true. (34) For he whom God has sent
utters the words of God, for he gives the
Spirit without measure. (35) The Father
loves the Son and has given all things
into his hand. (36) Whoever believes in
the Son has eternal life; whoever does not
obey the Son shall not see life, but the
wrath of God remains on him.