

CHRISTOLOGY

THE NEXT GREAT ATTACK

Examples of Christological Attack

- *Saved*
- *Divinci Code*
- *Dogma*
- *Angels and Demons*
- *Talladega Nights: Legend of Ricky Bobby*
- *Discover Channel*—Their always searching for Jesus
- *The Office*—Dwight: “King of Kings”

Goal: Meet students with the simplicity of the Gospel and lead them through the complexity of the Gospel.

The Problem: People naturally view the Gospel as “get out of hell free card” and for unbelievers only.

The simplicity of the Gospel leads people to understand their sinfulness and their need for a Savior. The complexity of the Gospel leads people to understand that Jesus impacts every area of their lives.

- **Atonement** (Heb. 9:11-14)—Jesus died for my sins
- **Reconciliation** (Eph. 2:16)—Jesus restores my alienated relationship with God, and can restore any alienated relationship that I have with others.
- **Propitiation** (Rom. 3:25)—Jesus appeased the Holy wrath of God
- **Redemption** (Gal. 3:13; Eph. 1:7; Col 1:14)—Jesus sets me free
- **Justification** (Rom. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:21)—Jesus’ righteousness is imparted to me, I am declared to be righteous in God’s sight
- **Rescued** (Eph. 2:1-7)—Jesus delivers me from the dominion of darkness. I am triumphantly seated next to him as he sits at the right hand of the Father.
- **Access** (Eph. 2:18; 1 Tim. 2:5)—Jesus introduces me, as his co-heir, to the Father.

Practical Principles

- Students need to be taught *that*, and *how*, Jesus is completely sufficient.
- Students need to be taught that the Gospel is not just for unbelievers.

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- Pray
 - Personally wrestle through the Doctrines of the Bible and how Jesus is fully and completely sufficient.
 - Teach the theological truths of the Bible (use Bible words)
 - Spend time marinating in a passage of Scripture (1 Peter)

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Resources

- *Christ-Centered Preaching* by Bryan Chapell
- *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan
- *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan
- *The Cross of Christ* by John Stott
- *Vintage Jesus* by Mark Driscoll
- *Vintage Church* by Mark Driscoll
- *A New Kind of Youth Ministry* by Chris Folmsbee
- *Practical Theology for Women* by Wendy Alsup
- *Scandalous* by D.A. Carson
- www.desiringgod.com
- www.theresuregence.com
- www.crossway.org