

THE GOSPEL – THE GLORY OF CHRIST IN:
EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND SANCTIFICATION

THE GREATEST GOOD IN THE GOSPEL...

- The gift of _____ and _____ the glory of God in Christ forever.
 - _____ – our commitment as Christians to publicly preach and teach the gospel with the explicit intent of sharing Jesus with people.
 - _____ – an organized effort to spread Christianity to new converts.
 - _____ – the ministry of the church to lead, teach, nurture and grow believers in their relationship with God.
- The _____ of Christian believers and the _____ of perishing people hang on seeing and savoring the glory of God in the gospel.
- “O taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.” Psalm 34:8
 - “Taste and see” are sensual and experimental words.
 - Genesis 2:9 & Genesis 1:29
 - As Christians, we too are united to God in a personal relationship
 - Tasting before Seeing
 - **John 4:10** _____
 - **John 4:13-14.** _____
 - **1 Corinthians 3:2** _____ **and** _____
 - **Hebrews 5:12-13** _____ **and** _____
 - Tasting produces Seeing
 - Ephesians 1:17-19
 - That “tasting” gives _____ of Jesus.
 - **Psalm 34:9-15:** Life in accordance with God’s will and ways.
 - **Psalm 34:16-22:** David reminds the people of what they “tasted and what they saw”.
- **Evangelism and Missions**
 - As a church and as a body of believers, it is our responsibility to make sure that the _____ and the _____ are spiritual people.
 - Tell the old, old story...tell it often and tell it well!
 - The center of the gospel is to tell of the events of Christ’s death and resurrection. It is the news!
 - The Holy Spirit is responsible for:
 - _____ -giving _____ -removing
 - _____ -opening _____ -revealing work

2 CORINTHIANS 3&4

1. **The pathway to _____ - _____ is "Beholding the glory of the Lord."**
 - **Beholding is _____** - We are being transformed "into the image" of the Lord by fixing our attention on Him.
 - **In evangelism**, the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the sinners to see the glory of Christ who is faithfully preached in the gospel.
 - **In sanctification**, in our daily walk with the Lord, we too, are transformed into Christ's image, by steadfast seeing and savoring the glory of Christ.

2. **We _____ what we _____.**
 - We all know this from personal experience
 - From your heroes...
 - The more admirable the hero is, the more intense your admiration is for them.
 - ...if Jesus is your hero...
 - When we behold Him as we should...the change is profound!

3. **We are _____ by degrees.**
 - Think of the Christian life as conforming more and more to the glorious person of Christ.
 - As we behold the glory of Christ...and as we _____ Him...
 - We come to see sin as _____...
 - ...and _____ as **magnificent!**

● **A New Commandment I Give to You...**

- "that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)
- As we become more like Him, so his desires, more and more, become our desires.

Ephesians 5:2 * Colossians 2:12 * Philippians 2:5

Romans 8:23. * 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. * Romans 8:11. * Philippians 3:20-21. * 1 Corinthians 15:49

Hebrews 12:14

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2

"Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, then shall I know fully, even as I have been fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12

● **The purpose of the gospel...**

- ...both its central events of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, as well as their proclamation in the world...
- ...is to make the glory of God in Christ the foundation and the means of all salvation and sanctification and glorification.
- There is no gospel where the glory of God in Christ is not shown.
- There is no salvation through the gospel where the glory of Christ is not seen.