



Saturday & Sunday, May 17&18, 2014

Sermon Notes

1Peter 1:10-12 "Amazing Grace"

It is one thing to know the gospel in your head & be able to articulate it accurately but it is altogether another when the truth of the gospel captivates your heart. The Gospel isn't the ABC's of the Christian faith but the A to Z of the Christian faith. Growth in Christ is never going beyond the gospel, but going deeper into the gospel.

What Is The Gospel?

- 1) It is about God's Amazing Grace. V10; Rom5:8; Eph2:8-9
- 2) It is about what Christ has Done. Vv11-12; 2Cor8:9, 9:8
- 3) It overtakes & transforms you to the degree you are <u>forever</u> <u>indebted to God</u>. The Gospel is the theme of...the OT Prophet's expectation vv10-11, the HS inspiration vv11, the NT Apostles proclamation v12, and the angel's fascination v12; 2Cor8:9; Eph5:25; Luke7:47

How Do I Gaze Upon The Gospel?

- By reading, studying, memorizing & meditating on God's Word.
 V12 things into which angels long to look. Josh1:8; Ps119:11; James1:22-25
- 2) The whole Bible is about Jesus: The Old Testament <u>predicts</u> our rescuer and the New Testament <u>presents</u> our rescuer. John5:39-40; Luke24:27, 32. "The Bible isn't a book of rules or heroes as much as it's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves His palace to rescue the one He loves."-SLJ
- 3) Gazing is a way of <u>craving</u> a glimpse of God that <u>satisfies</u> your soul so that you release your grip on anything you think you can't live without. Heb12:2; Ps27:4; John6:35

The Gospel Prayer: "In Christ, there is nothing I can do that would make You love me more, and nothing I have done that makes You love me less. Your presence and approval are all I need for everlasting joy. As You have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I'll measure Your compassion by the cross and Your power by the resurrection." –JD Greear

Growing Notes

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- 1) Being able to articulate the Gospel is one thing; having its truth captivate your soul is quite another. Explain. The gospel is not just the ABC's of the Christian faith but the A to Z. Why do you think that the Spirit-filled life & personal growth in Christ is never going beyond the gospel, but going deeper into your realization & application of the gospel?
- **2)** Read 1Peter 1:10-12. What stands out to you from these verses? The Gospel is about God's Amazing Grace (v10)! What do these verses tell us about grace (Rom5:8; Eph2:8-9)? Grace is not giving favor to someone to whom you simply owe nothing it is showing favor to someone to whom you owe the opposite. Why does this seem to be the opposite of human nature?
- 3) The Gospel isn't good advice on what we must do to be right with God but good news about what Christ has done to make us right with Him (vv11-12; Jn3:16-17). Explain. What does it mean that, "Jesus paid it all" (2Cor8:9, 9:8)? How will a deep realization of the Gospel overtake & transform you to the degree you are forever indebted to God (2Cor8:9; Eph5:25; Luke7:47)?
- **4)** How do I gaze upon the Gospel so that it transforms my life (Josh1:8; Ps119:11; James1:22-25)? "The Bible isn't a book of rules or heroes as much as it's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves His palace to rescue the one He loves."-(SLJ) How does that quote relate to these verses (John5:39-40; Luke24:27, 32). Gazing is a way of craving a glimpse of God that satisfies your soul causing you to release your grip on anything you think you can't live without (Heb12:2; Ps27:4; John6:35). Explain. Pray.