

Let's Worship God

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2 Corinthians





Monday - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 - We Preach Jesus

There are people who think that they can make the gospel of Jesus Christ more attractive by dressing it up. In this passage, Paul firmly renounces any belief or any practice that tries to make the gospel more attractive. He steadfastly maintains that what God has given is the best. Paul renounced any teaching or practice that would disguise the face of Jesus.

Why do some dress up the gospel? Paul uses several terms to describe the false teachers in this passage. They have the idea that the gospel of Jesus Christ is somehow not quite enough. So they need to elaborate, or they need something more added to the gospel of Jesus Christ. And they take what is true, and they twist it just a little bit. They add to it. They were saying yes, you need Jesus, but you also need these things. You need the law of Moses. You need to obey that law for your salvation. What Paul says is that we renounce any belief or practice that tries to dress up the Gospel of Jesus. Paul reminds the Corinthians that we preach Christ. This is the truth. And why would some try to dress it up? Because they are not satisfied with that message of grace alone and faith alone. As Paul says, God has given us what's best. We don't turn aside from that. We don't add to it to seemingly make it more attractive.

Why do some not respond to this precious message? Jesus describes it as a pearl of great price. So, with the preciousness of that treasure in front of you, why would some not respond? Paul answers this question by saying that the gospel is veiled. Those who are perishing do not respond because they are blind to the light of the gospel. It's not blindness of the eyes, but blindness of the heart. And Paul says that the god of this age has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. Paul is referring to Satan. It's important to understand that God and Satan are not co-equals. There is only one God. But the enemy is active, the Bible says. In our natural state, mankind belongs to Satan. And because of that, because we are born in that condition, we are blinded to the light of the Gospel. We are blinded so that we cannot see the glory of the message of Jesus Christ, and God judges those in their unbelief.

Question

1. Why do some dress up the gospel?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for those who are blinded by unbelief.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17

Praise: Psalm 84B:1-3 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 - We Do Not Lose Heart

Yesterday we looked at why some don't respond to the gospel. Why do you respond to the gospel? It is God who has taken away your blindness. It is God who has shone light into your heart so that you know yourself, you know your need. It is God who has granted the gift of faith by His grace so that we respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Why do we not lose heart? We know that God is at work. We know that the Lord is accomplishing His great purpose of saving sinners, that He is glorified by that Gospel message. Over and over again, throughout Scripture, we see God showing how He uses His Word to change lives, how He uses the Son, Jesus Christ, and the proclamation of that Saviour to be the means that He loves to change hearts and minds and to draw people into that precious, saving, face-to-face relationship. Paul says, I didn't come with persuasive words. I was not a very good preacher or teacher. But God is at work. Jesus Christ, preached and taught, is the means that the Lord uses. And so we preach Jesus, not ourselves, and we do not lose heart.

At the time of the Reformation, individuals looked to these passages to describe a personal commitment to evangelism. And they used preaching in two different ways. They talked about it informally and formally. The informal aspect of preaching is where there is a proclamation of Jesus Christ in the day-to-day settings of your family and of your work. It's tempting in those situations to think, I wonder if I'm going to be offensive if I tell this person about Jesus Christ. I wonder if I'll say the right words. I wonder if I can get it out right. And I want to urge you from this passage to see the confidence that we have to speak of Christ boldly, and to let God do the work of conversion. There's also a formal aspect of preaching. And here again, the Scriptures are full of the confidence that we have that the Lord uses the worship and preaching of Jesus Christ as a means of salvation, that the Lord uses the preaching of His Word, the foolishness of preaching, to draw men and women out of darkness and into light. And so let me encourage you, to tell others about spiritual matters. Let that individual know about Jesus. Tell them about your own blindness and your coming to Christ. Tell them what the Bible says about sin and the Saviour. Tell them about a church that will speak to them about this Jesus. We have received mercy, and so we do not lose heart knowing that God is at work - He who has promised it is faithful.

Question

1. Why do we not lose heart?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that family and friends will come to worship with you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17

Praise: Psalm 84B:4-6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 - Treasure in Jars of Clay

Jars of clay were common, everyday jars, the type of thing that doesn't last very long and isn't very valuable. The great treasure is the message of salvation through faith in Jesus. The startling contrast between jars of clay and a treasure shows that the excellence of power is not in the jars of clay, is not in us as Christians, but in the treasure we carry. God alone has the power and the prerogative to save, and it is this great treasure that we carry, that animates us, that shines out of us as a great light.

Paul uses four comparisons to talk about being afflicted but not destroyed. They are hard pressed or afflicted on every side - there is trouble on every side, surrounded by the enemy and suffering in various ways, physically, mentally, spiritually - yet not crushed. Even though the enemy is all around and pressing in, we are not crushed. We are not destroyed or dismayed by the battle. Why? Because of the power of Christ saving us and working in and through us. We are perplexed - sometimes we just don't have an answer for the trials we face. Sometimes God brings us to the end of our strength. Sometimes we cry out to God for deliverance because we feel we can hold up no longer. Yet not in despair. Why? Because of the power of Christ saving us, because of the power of God working in and through us. We are persecuted - imagine being chased by an enemy, hunted down and captured. Yet not forsaken. God has promised never to leave us or forsake us. He has not given a promise that we will never experience trouble. In fact, it's likely that you have and you will. But what God has promised is that he will be with you and give you strength to persevere. We are struck down, yet not destroyed. We do experience trouble. We don't deny it, or try to explain it away, or try to cover it over. We experience perplexing troubles, but we do not despair. Why? Because of the power of Christ saving us, because of the power of God working in and through us.

What does it mean to carry about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus? It is linked to the teaching that we are united with Christ. Our union with Christ results in justification. This rests on Jesus' death on our behalf - we always carry around in our body the death of Jesus. Our sin is given to him and He died on our behalf. Union with Christ rests also on Jesus' life on our behalf. We carry around not only the death, but there is revealed in us the life of Jesus. The love of God then stirs us up to serve Christ and to proclaim that great truth that we know - that Jesus Christ saves us from our sin.

Question

1. What does Paul contrast jars of clay with a treasure?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the promises of God we can cling to in our affliction.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17

Praise: Psalm 36:5-8 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Thursday - 2 Corinthians 4:13-15 - I Believe. I Speak.

Paul quotes from Psalm 116 here. He has that same spirit of faith that David had. David let his heart cry out to God. He believed that the Lord was the one who delivered him. He glimpsed the Messiah that was promised, and his hope was resting in that Messiah to come. And out of his faith, David says, 'I believed, therefore I spoke'. What was it he spoke? He spoke that he was afflicted, that his soul was going down to the grave itself, that out of his faith he prayed that God would deliver him. And Paul takes up that similar prayer in his own life. Paul wants the Corinthian church to understand their union with Christ, and how that union with Christ leads them to speak of their Redeemer. Union with Christ also means that believers are united with each other. David and Paul and the Corinthian church and you and I are united with our Redeemer and united with each other. We share the same Lord, the same faith, the same baptism, the same hope. It's the same Spirit that moved David to speak and to believe. It also motivated Paul to preach the Gospel. And it's that same Spirit that the Corinthian church was given so that they would trust in Christ and not be led astray. And it's that same Spirit that has opened your eyes to your need of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. And it's the same Spirit that stirs us up to speak of the redemption that we've received through Christ.

Paul speaks about the resurrection as the hope that we share. As we belong to Jesus, we participate not only in His death, but His life. The battle has been won by Jesus Christ. He has defeated that great enemy, death and Satan. That means that no matter what anyone can do to us in this life, we will not be destroyed because there is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Paul brings this up not just to give us courage to die for Christ, but courage to live for Him. "I believe, therefore I speak." So the gospel of Jesus might be an offense. It might bring perplexing situations with co-workers, It might bring persecution in this world, and it might even bring death itself. What is it that the enemy can do? In the end, he can do nothing, because Christ is my Redeemer, and my union with Him gives me the same hope as those heroes of the faith that believed and spoke. And when the gospel goes out, grace abounds, and praise and thanksgiving increases to God's glory.

Question

1. Why should our faith prompt us to speak?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would speak of Christ more.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17

Praise: Psalm 116:1-5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Friday - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - Weight of Glory

We do experience a variety of afflictions, and Paul teaches that God uses those afflictions to work a weight of glory in us. The first opposites that Paul brings together are an outward man and an inward man. Paul says that our outward man is perishing but the inward man is being renewed. We don't lose heart because we know that afflictions will end. It's only for a period of time that we'll face the adversities of this life. They will end, and we will then be united with Christ in an eternity where those trials will never affect us again. Paul goes on and says that we don't lose heart because God works in us a weight of glory through these afflictions. Paul is not unfamiliar with the things that we struggle with - both the trials of temptation and of falling into sin, as well as the trials of this life. The Christian faith doesn't minimize the trials of this life. We can say this is real and this tragedy is one that weighs down my soul, instead, of explaining it away, treating it as nothing, or just trying to stoically bear through it. But God shows a purpose in that affliction. Though the outward man perishes, the inward man is renewed day by day. Paul describes the dependence that we have as a daily dependence, a day-by-day renewal of strength so that we can face the trials of that day.

The second set of opposites Paul uses are light and heavy. These are verses that are almost hard to read because he calls our afflictions light and momentary. But Paul wants us to understand that God is at work doing something glorious through that trial. It comes down to perspective and values. God has an eternal perspective. And God is using these afflictions to work something better in us. Our values may be that we're wanting health, or prosperity, or a life without complications. We may be praying in a way that illustrates those values. And God's perspective and His values are different. His perspective and His value is to have the glorious reality of eternity to sink down upon us and consume us. Those afflictions are working that purpose, they are purifying our faith, and preparing us for eternity.

Question

1. What is the weight of glory?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would have an eternal perspective.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17

Praise: Psalm 116:6-10 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Saturday - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - Seeing the Invisible

The third set of polar opposites that Paul brings together in this passage are the visible and the invisible. We may say, 'I know that God works together all things for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. I know rationally that affliction is real. And I know that God is working through it all that is well and good. But right now, I'm in the thick of it. What can I do?' Here's where Paul's incredible comparisons helps us out. We look at the invisible. The eternal weight of glory is something that we don't see with our physical eyes, but it's perceived by faith, by trusting in Christ. It's not something that we can hold up and say, 'Look, you are clothed in the righteous robes of Christ. Look, here is the crown that is reserved for you in heaven, the reward that is waiting.' Instead, those things are perceived by faith. They are invisible to our physical world, our physical eyes. We face trials that afflict us, and things that especially draw our visible eyes and our visible attention towards them. It's almost like a black hole that sucks the light and the life out of us as that affliction draws us down. What Paul says, practically speaking, is to turn our sight away from the visible and to look at the invisible. Look at Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

The final comparison that Paul gives is the temporary and the eternal. The real experience that we face and we do go through is counterbalanced by the larger weight of eternity that stretches out in front of us. In this life, we face a variety of trials which are to us weighty. They are long. They are ones that bring our hearts down to the grave. But by comparison, they are temporary. They will come to an end. God makes our afflictions to serve His purpose, to work out a great joy in us. You may feel like the trial that you are beginning is enough to kill you. Look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith. Set your eyes and your heart on that which is invisible, on the crown that awaits those who belong to Him. You can say with Paul that you press on towards that goal of the upward call of Christ, keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus. He is working in you, an exceeding and weighty, eternal glory which cannot be taken away.

Question

1. How can we look at the invisible?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 116:11-13 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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