

“God’s Glory Revealed in and Through Us” 1/5/20

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

Review 1:3; 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12

LESSON 1- God’s glory is revealed because of the nature of our PREDICAMENT

- A. Our predicament is exacerbated because we were completely DEAD.
(1 Corinthians 2:14; John 3:3; 6:44; Romans 3:10-18)
- B. Our predicament is described in that we were children of SATAN.
(1 John 3:10; John 8:43-44)
- C. Our predicament shows us that we are by nature children of WRATH.
(Ephesians 5:5-6; Colossians 3:6; John 3:36; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9)

LESSON 2- God’s glory is revealed by showing us His PLAN.

- A. God has shown us that His plan is rooted in His GREAT LOVE,
(EXCEEDING Riches of His GRACE and KINDNESS in Christ!!)
“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

LESSON 3- God’s glory is revealed by working alone in the salvation PROCESS.

- A. We have been saved by GRACE through FAITH.
- B. Even the faith that we have was given to us as a GIFT, so that we can’t brag. It was not by any of our works (Isaiah 64:6; Rom 3:10-11).

LESSON 4- God’s glory is revealed by creating us for a PURPOSE.

- A. We were created for a purpose and are God’s MASTERPIECE.
- B. The good works we do were prepared by God in ADVANCE.

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” John 15:16

Discipleship Moment *A disciple will be grateful, obedient, and gracious to others!*

Our Vision- *Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” *1 Cor 2:14*

“In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.” 1 John 3:10 See also John 8:43-44

Titus 3:4-5 But "when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Colossians 2:9 For in him all the fullness of deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him you also were circumcised— not, however, with a circumcision performed by human hands, but by the removal of the fleshly body, that is, through the circumcision done by Christ. ¹² Having been buried with him in baptism, you also have been raised with him through your faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And even though you were dead in your transgressions and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he nevertheless made you alive with him, having forgiven all your transgressions. ¹⁴ He has destroyed what was against us, a certificate of indebtedness expressed in decrees opposed to us. He has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ Disarming the rulers and authorities, he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 3:1 Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth,

^{NLT} **Ephesians 2:7** So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

We might say that one of these forces is external to us, the other is internal, and the final is powerfully operative in and through the other two as well as more directly. The “age of this world” is the unhealthy and ungodly social, cultural, economic, and political environment in which we live. It represents organized evil in the form of peer pressure, ideologies, systems, and structures that provide us with a script for living life totally apart from God and his purposes. The “flesh” is the inner propensity and inclination to do evil. It is our creatureliness, infected by the implications of the fall of Adam, that propels us to act in ways contrary to what God would have us do. It represents a bent toward ourselves and away from God. “The ruler of the realm of the air,” the devil, is an intelligent and powerful spirit being who is thoroughly evil and intent on perpetrating as much evil in the lives of individuals and through individuals to society as he possibly can.