

### “The Glorious Gospel of Christ”

Introduction: The gospel is glorious! It is the greatest news in the world. Paul shows how this glorious gospel is to be presented, how it is opposed, and what it accomplishes.

- I. The glorious gospel of Christ must be presented \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 4:1-2).
  - A. Realizing this gospel ministry was entrusted to him greatly \_\_\_\_\_ Paul.
  - B. Receiving God's \_\_\_\_\_ will keep you from “losing heart” (Lu. 18:1).
  - C. Being entrusted with the gospel by God brings \_\_\_\_\_ accountability.
  - D. We are called to present God's Word just as He gave it—making no \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 22:18-19; Prov. 30:6).
- II. The glorious gospel of Christ will be opposed by \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 4:3-4).
  - A. Paul was not hiding the gospel from anyone, but it was still hidden from \_\_\_\_\_ unsaved people as it is today.
  - B. Satan is the opponent of the gospel reaching \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 13:19).
  - C. Satan is the spiritual “god” of this present \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 1:4; Matt. 4:8-9).
  - D. The lost are trapped in spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ until the light of the gospel shines in their heart (Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13).
- III. The glorious gospel of Christ gives all \_\_\_\_\_ to God (2 Cor. 4:5-7).
  - A. The message of a gospel preacher is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. True ministers are simply \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. They \_\_\_\_\_ by serving others.
  - D. The same God who said, “Let there be light” during Creation speaks the same thing into our hearts when we \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is what brings light into our lives (Jn. 8:12; Prov. 4:18).
  - F. We are simply earthen vessels chosen to \_\_\_\_\_ this treasure.
  - G. As the vessels are \_\_\_\_\_ the light shines out (Judges 7).
- IV. The glorious gospel of Christ brings \_\_\_\_\_ to believers (2 Cor. 4:8-18).
  - A. The troubles Paul experienced came to him because of his \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.
  - B. In all of his troubles the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was present to help (Acts 18:10; 2 Cor. 12:9).
  - C. As we \_\_\_\_\_ we are given opportunity to show forth Christ.
  - D. Paul's sufferings brought \_\_\_\_\_ to the Corinthians.
  - E. Despite the sufferings inflicted on the outside, the \_\_\_\_\_ can grow stronger and stronger spiritually.
  - F. Any temporary \_\_\_\_\_ we face now will be nothing compared to eternity.

Conclusion: “There is an excellency of power in the gospel of Christ, to enlighten the mind, to convince the conscience, to convert the soul, and to rejoice the heart; but all this power is from God the author, and not from men, who are but instruments, so that God in all things must be glorified” (Henry).