

“The Gospel Changes Everything”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Memory Verse)

Because of who Jesus is, (The I AM statements), when we surrender to Him, He brings change to our lives. Change is NOT a dirty word.

Saying “Yes” to the Gospel brings a new:

Monday

1. Assurance v. 1-8

“For we know...” – this is assurance.

Life is not temporal.

Life is not limited (by age or physical ability or mental capacity or disability).

We will spend eternity present with the Lord. (Not a hope, a dream, or a wish – an assurance.)

Do you have the kind of assurance listed above? In what areas of life do you find yourself doubting or questioning? _____

WORD STUDY: Search for and write scripture references that speak further to assurance (use your concordance, a Bible dictionary, or an online app). _____

Tuesday

2. Aim v. 9-10

The Gospel changes our focus, our purpose, what we’re aiming for.

Our aim is to please Him, not men. (Proverbs 29:25)

Do we think regularly about our Gospel purpose? Do we think daily, “It’s my aim to please Him?” How do we incorporate remembering and achieving our Gospel purpose into our daily lives? If our purpose is to bring glory to God, (our chief end), how do we do that and are we doing that? _____

Colossians 3:1

Wednesday

3. Accountability v. 10-11

We will give an account at the judgement seat of Christ, not for our relationship to God but for how we have obeyed Him.

Our obedience is for His glory and for the benefit of others – that they will be drawn to Him and obey Him as well.

WORD SEARCH

We are accountable in five areas. Read these scriptures and fill in the blanks.

- 1. Matthew 12:36 _____
- 2. Hebrews 4:12 _____
- 3. 2 Corinthians 5:10 _____
- 4. Proverbs 16:2 _____
- 5. Proverbs 16:32 _____

Thursday

4. Ambassadorship v. 12-20

Ambassador - a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity.

When we say yes to the Gospel we become a representative of the Lord Jesus.

An ambassador serves in a foreign land, representing the country of their citizenship, which for us is in heaven.

How should we live? Vs. 14 – the Love of Christ compels and controls us.

-Compels us to serve and live for others.

-Controls us to respond with correct emotions and motives to our circumstances.

Think about your elected representatives. How pleased are you with how they represent you in Tallahassee and Washington? How pleased is God with how we are representing Him in the world? What does the church need to do to improve how we represent the Lord in our daily lives? _____

What do YOU need to do to improve your representation of Christ? _____

Friday

5. Appeal v. 20-21

“God is making His appeal through us.”

The appeal is, “Be reconciled to God.”

Reconciliation: The scripture says that God was reconciling to Himself all things through Jesus. By restoring our right relationship to God, Jesus also opened the door for us to live in right relationships with each other, creation, and ourselves.

ACTION STEP:

If you haven't already shared your story with someone this week, make an intentional effort in the next few days to act as an ambassador of reconciliation to someone at work, at school, at the ball field, or in your family. Share with them how God reconciled you to Himself, and how God can reconcile them through Christ.

If you haven't already written out your story, follow the outline below.

My Life Before Christ (1 minute) _____

How I came to Christ (2-3 minutes) _____

My Life Since Christ (1-2 minutes) _____
