



## “Glorious Gospel” 1Timothy 1:12-20

Nothing can transform a human heart, heal a wounded soul, fill you with meaning, hope and happiness, turn hatred into love, bring about forgiveness, reconciliation and peace like the Gospel. (Rom1:16)

The Gospel is not the ABC's of the Christian faith but the A to Z. It's not just the way we become a Christian but also the way we grow as a Christian. You never go beyond the Gospel, you only grow deeper into the Gospel.

### The Glorious Gospel is... v11

- 1) **Historical** – It's Good News not Good advice. vv11, 15 (Mark 16:15)
- 2) **Christocentric** – The Bible/Gospel is all about Jesus. vv12, 14, 15, 16 (Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39)
- 3) **Transformational** – More sinful than I think and more loved than I dreamed. vv13-14 (Rom5:8)
- 4) **Doxological** – My heart is smitten (captivated) by the beauty and glory of Christ Jesus. V17 (Ex20:3)
- 5) **Countercultural** – Radically identify but be radically different from the world. vv12, 16 (John 17:18; 1 Pet2:12)

- 6) **Unbeatable** – I must fight every day for my delight in Christ. vv18-20 (Mark 1:15; 1Tim6:12)

Rom10:9-10 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

### Growing Notes

- 1) What are your thoughts and feelings about the opening statement to this sermon? What would your life look like if you really believed that statement (Rom1:16)? What does it mean that the Gospel is not the ABC's but the A to Z of the Christian faith?
- 2) Read 1 Timothy 1:12-20. What stands out to you from this text? When you consider that the Apostle Paul spent the first 11 verses warning us about false teachers who teach a false gospel why would He now begin to talk about the glorious gospel using His own life as an example?
- 3) Take some time and review the six features of the Gospel. Can you articulate the Gospel? Being able to articulate the Gospel with accuracy is one thing; having its truth captivate your soul is quite another. Explain. What does it mean that the Gospel is Historical (good news not good advice)?
- 4) What does it mean that the Gospel is Christocentric? Why should Bible study be less about looking for life lessons and more about getting a glimpse of Christ Jesus who satisfies our soul? The purpose of the gospel is not merely to give us forgiveness, but to bring us to full flourishing through glorious worship (doxological v17). Explain.
- 5) What does it mean that the Gospel helps us to radically identify and at the same time be radically different from the world (Countercultural v16)? Salvation is a posture of repentance and faith that you begin in a moment and maintain for the rest of your life (vv18-20). Explain. What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.