

**Series:** The Pattern of the Gospel  
**Message:** Gospel Vision and Gospel Death  
**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 3:16-4:11  
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May we be a people who are becoming...

- 1) More **captivated** by the immeasurable worth of Jesus.
- 2) More **convinced** that dying to self is the only appropriate response to the worth of Jesus.
- 3) More **concerned** about eternity and the glory that is to come.
- 4) More **compelled** by the love of Christ and more **committed** to His mission.

## **2 Corinthians 3:16-4:6 (ESV)**

**3** <sup>16</sup> *But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.*

<sup>17</sup> *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

<sup>18</sup> *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

**4** *Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.*

<sup>2</sup> *But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.*

<sup>3</sup> *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.*

<sup>4</sup> *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

<sup>5</sup> *For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants<sup>[1]</sup> for Jesus' sake.*

<sup>6</sup> *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

## **I. The vision the gospel gives. (2 Cor. 3:16-4:6)**

Becoming **captivated** by the immeasurable worth of Jesus.

### **2 Corinthians 4:7-11 (ESV)**

*<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

*<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;*

*<sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;*

*<sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.*

*<sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

## **II. The death the gospel brings. (2 Cor. 4:7-11)**

Becoming **convinced** that dying to self is the only appropriate response to the worth of Jesus.

### **Matthew 13:44**

*"The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."*

"Seldom do any of our habits or flaws disappear by a process of extinction through reasoning or by the mere force of mental determination. Reason and willpower are not enough. But what cannot be destroyed may be dispossessed...The only way to dispossess [the heart] of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one... It is then that the heart, brought under the mastery of one great and predominate affection, is delivered from the tyranny of its former desires, in the only way that deliverance is possible." – Thomas Chalmers, "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection"