



GOSPEL REVOLUTION

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- ✓ Gave Himself
 - Redeem us from every lawless deed
 - Purify us for Himself

Affecting Salvation

All Men

Appearing Again

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- ✓ Live Sensibly, Righteously, and Godly
- ✓ Zealous for Good Deeds
- ✓ Longing For his Coming

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What does amazement look like? What amazes you the most? When is the last time you found yourself in complete amazement at something. It made you stop in your tracks, mouth was wide open maybe, you stopped what you were doing and looked at it, or pondered it, or told someone about it, or simply sat and experienced it...

When is the last time you and I stood in amazement at God or something that He has done? When is the last time we stood amazed in His presence for who He is? Too often familiarity (not intimacy) can cause us to yawn at God! This can be a danger for those who have been a believer for a long time or if we think religion – what we do for the Lord matters the most!

My prayer this morning and all this week has been that we would walk away and simply stand amazed at who Jesus is and what He has done on our behalf and we will walk away a changed people who are simply in awe of who God is once again!

Start where we left off last week as we jumped into the Gospel Revolution and our Key Word was Abide – How did you do this week? I pray that you have been reading and Abiding in His Word and in His presence each and every day. We ended last week with the Gospel Prayer which simply states some very important truths that I want to pray over us this morning as we ask the Lord once again to help us stand in amazement of Him!

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WHY BE AMAZED?

This morning in your LifeGroups you talked about the Children of Israel in Exodus 19 as they stood in awe, fear and wonder of the power, holiness and righteousness of God – they got a glimpse of God and Moses was allowed an ever closer look and saw the departing glory of God and because of that His face was so radiate when he came down that he had to wear a veil over his face so he could talk to people! We have already prayed that the Lord would allow us to stand in awe of Him this morning and we are going to stop and do that and the conclusion of the message today with taking of the Lord's Supper and standing in awe of what He has done on our behalf! But let's turn over and see from Paul's NT perspective at why we should be amazed in Titus

Appeared –

✓ **Grace Has – What's Grace – Jesus –**

✓ **Gave Himself – Why?**

- **To Redeem us from every lawless deed**

He Purchases Us

Before we met Christ we were in total bondage to sin.

We are no longer slaves to sin! Redeem referring to the releasing of someone held captive, such as a prisoner or a slave, on receipt of a ransom payment. We are no longer owned by the world, sin or Satan, we are Christ's precious creation who has bought with his blood. He owns us lock, stock and barrel.

- **Purify us for Himself – a people for His own possession**

We become the righteousness of God – we are pure, saints of God – how – His shed blood purifies our sin – though scarlet he makes it white as snow as we just sung a moment ago!

- **He Possesses Us - A People for His own Possession**

We are a people that are no longer enslaved to sin, but enslaved and possessed by Christ. We are his bondservant! We become his people – God's adopted child! Son or daughter

Affecting Salvation (Bringing)

All Men

Not just for the good people or nice people, or American or African or Asian, but for every man and woman boy and girl, even for those who choose to reject Him – He came for them!

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He promises to come back – He didn't just leave us here to live this life on our own, He sends the Holy Spirit and even more He promises to come back and claim His own!

ILLUS: How massive God is – piece of paper stacked together

We get a glimpse of how amazing and awesome, holy and righteous our God is that our desires changes, our lives are changes, we are transformed in such a way that we are so blown away by the grace of God, the salvation of God for all men and that He will appear again and come and take us home that we simply want to live this way!

Love for God in us is produced by grasping the love of God for us.

ILLUS: Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10

WHAT AMAZEMENT BRINGS...

We are Transformed So We (Are) – This is the outflow, this is the fruit that comes when we abide in Him and we fall so in love with Him for Who He is, for what He has done on our behalf and because of His great love for us it becomes more of a natural response to Him! (doesn't mean we will not sin or struggle, but the struggle really becomes different – it is more of not what we are doing, but what are we not doing!

✓ Deny Ungodliness & Worldly Desires

▪ Ungodliness (Deny)

The idea of a conscious, purposeful action of the will. To turn your back on something. This verb here is found in the aorist tense, which means once and for all, the matter is settled. I have denied those things and will continue to do so.

It is an action, something we must do. It is not passive.

Hebrews 12:4 says, *“You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.”*

It is all about God's grace, but we have part to play. We must discipline ourselves. Against what? **Ungodliness** which refers to the lack of true reverence and devotion to God. A person whose life is characterized by ungodliness cannot truly be saved, no matter how vocal or accepted his profession of Christ may be.

- **Unholiness - Worldly Desires**

sins that, although we may not actually have committed, we nevertheless long to commit. These include all of the countless sinful lusts and cravings that characterize the natural man.

“Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world and the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life is not from the Father. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever.” I John 2:15-17

There is that pull because of the flesh that resides in us, we are to deny that desire and know that as we grow in certain areas, as we fight, that desire does subside some. We will always have to fight. It is active.

- ✓ **Live Sensibly, Righteously, and Godly**

- **Reasonably (Sensibly)**

having a sound mind, control over the issues in his or her life.

- **Righteously and**

faithfully obeying the Word of God, the divine standard of what is right, without reservation.

- **Rightly – Godly**

Means a close relationship with our Heavenly Father. It means right now to live this way. All three of these changes give distinct evidence of our spiritual rebirth. They are living and powerful testimony, within the church and before the world of the saving and transforming power of Jesus Christ. This is how people can see Jesus as real, as demonstrated through you and me as live this way in the right now

✓ **Zealous for Good Deeds**

Deeply desiring to do the right things for the right reason. We are zealous, excited, passionate to please the Lord not because of our hope that He will love us or accept us or that it will make us acceptable and pleasing, but instead we are zealous for them because we understand how zealous He is for us and our response is to chase after those things that we know please the Father!

✓ **Longing For his Coming**

Not in fear or dread – most of if not all of other world religions there is a great fear of facing God at the end of life but not so for the believer who knows Him as Savior and Lord – it is a great sense of anticipation and longing and yearning for that day to come!

Illustration: Les Miserables

ILLUS: Laminin Molecule

Cell Adhesion Molecule in our bodies. Protein Molecule – cells organize into certain molecular structures and that determines what protein they are – there are between 10 and 60 thousand proteins in the human body, really don't know how many proteins there are in the human body... but one of them is this cell adhesion molecule called laminin – tells the cell what it's job is – it's like the rebar of the human body (like the wire they put into concrete to help hold it together), holding your membranes together, it's the glue of the human body are you impressed it – you have to see it to believe it... when I saw it for the first time – I was like wow, this is amazing, unbelievable! You need to see laminin show the picture...

Electron Microscopic image of an actual laminin molecule

The stuff that holds our bodies together, that's hold the lining of organs together, that holds our skin on is in the perfect shape of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! [Colossians 1:17-23](#)

Everything holds together in Jesus Christ