

3 The story that binds, defines + transforms us as the church of God, Christian community ▶ JESUS

☰☰ Paul's 4+ Chapter Gospel Digression, 2:14-7:4

Investigating This is it! The Beautiful Story that binds, defines + transforms us.

① Competing Stories of glory... Glory is the issue!

☰☰ Investigate ...

Different Gospel	* True Gospel
False Apostles need letters of recommendation from authorities + Corinthians	Christians in Corinth are Paul's letter, from Christ, by Holy Spirit, read by all
False Apostles boast in their sufficiency, competency + power	Paul boasts; in his weakness, sufficiency comes from @ thru Jesus
Old Covenant... Letter kills	New Covenant... Spirit gives life
Ministry of Death... Condemnation	Ministry of Righteousness ... Glory
Coming to an End	Permanent

Going on? Jewish Religious Leaders teaching LAW + Jesus / Jesus + LAW = Different Story

Questions

Q1: How is this relevant to my life today?

A1: The default of every human heart/community is the Law -> Death, only true gospel gives life, freedom, glory!

Men's Prayer Discussion #1

Q.2: Isn't the Law important to keep vs. lawlessness

A.2: Only by the Holy Spirit in you can you keep the Law.

2 Greater glory of the New Covenant

Glory of Moses/Law  
Old Covenant  
Moses Shining face



Greater Glory of New  
Covenant/Ministry of Spirit  
vs. 7-11

OT Promises of  
Spirit (Ezek. 36:26-27)  
New Covenant on  
(Jeremiah 31:31ff)



Fulfilled in Jesus Christ,  
II Corinthians 1:20  
YES in Jesus

Death (7), Condemnation (9)  
Ending (11)

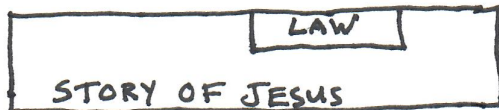


Life (6), Righteousness  
(9), Permanent (11)

Reject the False Gospel



Embrace the True Gospel  
Put the law in its place



How Jesus Story works in individual ♥ + community...

### ③ Beholding the glory of Jesus

#### Step One Turn from the LAW to JESUS

- ☑ Law/legalism your glory? a veil lies over your heart ▶ "mind hardened" ... when you hear the Law you say, "I can do this," "I got this," "I have to try harder." Paul's Conversion
- ☑ As Lost Sinner Turn to Jesus as SAVIOR ▶ as <sup>"LORD"</sup> the LAW Keeper, rejoicing in Jesus' perfect obedience, trusting in his love, beauty, grace, power  
"Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy Cross I cling." Philippians 3:1-11

#### Step Two Gaze upon, behold, rejoice in, delight in

Jesus! Jesus + Nothing  
Become what We Love!

See the personal transformation of the Christian?

- ☑ Spirit of the LORD fills you, changes you from inside out "Letter... written by the Spirit of the Living ☉ on human hearts."
- ☑ Experience life (vs. 6), freedom (17) are being transformed into the same image (18)  
= Ravishing Spiritual Beauty ▶ Jesus

What is the Church? Going on here? Stunning!

And we all, w. unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the LORD, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

MENS PRAYER #2