

# The Glory of the Gospel

1 Peter 2:1-3

## 1. The gospel generates lasting life.

- a. The children of men \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The children of God live \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. The gospel radiates unfading glory.

- a. The glory of man is \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The glory of the gospel will \_\_\_\_\_ eternally.

## 3. The gospel awakens spiritual craving.

- a. Our flesh craves the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Grace-awakened babes crave the \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Letter to  
God's Elect*




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# **The Glory of the Gospel**

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but imperishable, that is, through the living  
and enduring word of God.

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And all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers, and the flower falls off,  
But the word of the Lord abides forever."  
And this is the word, the gospel preached to you.  
Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit  
and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,  
like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word,  
that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,  
if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

God's glory **is** and **will be**  
most revealed in the gospel.

## **2 Corinthians 4:4**

...in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

# **The Glory of the Gospel**

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Because you were born from fallen  
parents, your life will end, and the  
end is sooner than you think.

**Psalm 39:4**

LORD, make me to know my end,  
And what is the extent of my days,  
Let me know how transient I am.

**Ecclesiastes 7:2**

It is better to go to a house of mourning  
Than to go to a house of feasting,  
Because that is the end of every man,  
And the living takes it to heart.

# Helpful Note for Parents

The corruption of human seed is not simply physical; death is a product of sin.

*In other words, you produce spiritually dead children.*

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Because God's children are born by the power of His incorruptible word, the gospel, they will never die.

# God creates life and all things by His word.

Psalm 33:6 and 9

**By the word** of the LORD the heavens were made,  
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

For **He spoke**, and it was done;  
He commanded, and it stood fast.

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**Luke 1:37**

For nothing will be impossible with God.

*Literally...*

“Because **not any word** of God will lack power.”

# The Glory of the Gospel

The gospel generates lasting life?

The gospel radiates God's  
unfading glory.

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Humanity congratulates itself for  
its great accomplishments,  
but all of its glory is like the flower  
that is here and gone.

### **Psalm 49:16-19**

Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich,  
When the glory of his house is increased;  
For when he dies he will carry nothing away;  
His glory will not descend after him.

Though while he lives he congratulates himself—  
And though men praise you when you do well for yourself—  
He shall go to the generation of his fathers;  
They shall never see the light.



# The gospel radiates unfading glory

*The glory of man is temporary.*

*The glory of the gospel  
will shine eternally.*

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The gospel holds out to you now  
and forever the beauty and glory  
of God's infinite goodness.

# Implication

It is the glory seen in the gospel that stirs the heart to love God and to love one another.

*Is your love lacking?*

**Meditate on the gospel!**

# The Glory of the Gospel

The gospel generates lasting life.

The gospel radiates God's unfading glory.

The gospel awakens  
spiritual craving.

**An awakening to spiritual craving**

*Our flesh craves the world.*

**1 Peter 2:11**

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

**1 John 2:16**

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

# An awakening to spiritual craving

*Our flesh craves the world.*

*Grace-awakened babies  
crave the Word.*



### **1 Peter 2:1-3**

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## **Ephesians 2:4-7**

But God, being rich in mercy,  
because of His great love with which He loved us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions,  
made us alive together with Christ  
(by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him,  
and seated us with Him in the heavenly places,  
in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come  
He might show the surpassing riches of His grace  
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

# Grace-Awakened Babies

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A taste of grace awakens an  
insatiable craving for more.

**Are you tasting grace?**

“I don’t hunger for the Bible that way.”

**Have you been reading  
the Bible as gospel?**

The Bible is not a collection of stories with great morals, or teachings with helpful life-principles, or rules for acceptable conduct...

The Bible is the revelation of God's glory most vividly seen in the good news of salvation through Christ, and every word adds to this story.

# **Reading the Bible as gospel:**

**Creation**

**Fall**

**Flood**

**Abraham**

**Exodus**

**Moses**

**The Law**

**Exile and Restoration**



Do you see **the gospel** as the revelation of the glory of God's infinite goodness?

Do you see **the gospel** as the power of God for your growth in Christlikeness?