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The Gospel Charge Is The Purity Of Heart That Is The Fruit Of Correct Doctrine, Faith & Love, (vs. 3 - 4)

<u>Message Emphasis:</u> Many today seem to quickly lose sight of the "universal" nature of the gospel once they have become partakers of divine grace. Namely, there is an aversion to accepting others who are not like ourselves. The gospel's going to the gentiles was seen as scandalous by many of the early Jewish Christians but God's call to save precisely those who were seen as unworthy of the Gospel is the very heartbeat of the good news unto the nations.

The Gospel Charge Reveals The Purposes Of God In Human Affairs, (vs. 2:1 – 7)

- God's reconciliation of all things MUST be the basis of all we do
 - For this I was appointed (Aor.Pas.Ind)

 "To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things," (Ephesians 3:8–9, ESV)
- God's reconciliation of all things MUST be our message & our witness
 - a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), "I am speaking the truth in Christ I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."" (Romans 9:1–7, ESV)
- God's reconciliation of all things MUST be our motivation
 - **a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.**"... I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:16–18, ESV)

***What Must I Do To Fulfill The Charge? ***

<u>Message Directive:</u> Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you be fully moved by the Gospel of reconciliation.

- 7. The Gospel Charge Highlights God's Institution of Authority In Daily Living, (vs. 8 15)
- 8. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Instruct In Doctrine, (vs. 3: 1 7)
- 9. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Lead In Service, (vs. 8 13)
- 10. The Gospel Charge Summarizes How We Live In The Mystery Of The Gospel, (vs. 14 16)
- 11. The Gospel Charge Clarifies That All Things Created By God Are Good, (vs. 4: 1 5)