

INTRODUCTION

Last time we considered the gospel

Jesus Christ

died for our sins, according to the scriptures

was buried

rose again the third day, according to the scriptures

Now, for all and any who repent and believe there is

forgiveness of sins

eternal life

Specifically we considered it as the “glorious gospel” or the “gospel of the glory”

It gives glory to God; that is, it makes God’s perfections known to us

The highest, best way in which God has revealed His glory to us is in the gospel of Jesus Christ

And we considered it as the gospel of the glory of the blessed God

the gospel, specifically in that it gives glory to God for how He saves sinners through Jesus Christ not to gain any benefit for Himself, but to give us all the benefits freely by His grace.

Today we go on with the bible’s discussion of the gospel, to see that in the household of God, the church, we recognize the gospel as something entrusted to faithful men.

TEXT

1 Timothy 1:11

NKJV according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.
ESV in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

BODY

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I. What About the Gospel Requires That It Be Entrusted?

A. Let's go to another place in Paul's epistles, where the gospel of the glory of God is the subject, and see something important about the gospel being something entrusted: that it is treasure 2 Corinthians 4:3-7 But even if **our gospel** is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, (4) whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of **the gospel of the glory of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine on them. (5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. (6) For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of **the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**. (7) But we have **this treasure** in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

1. see that the subject is the same, the gospel of the glory of God in Jesus Christ

2. See that the gospel is treasure

B. Ponder the description of the gospel as treasure, as to its worth

1. it has been bought at a great price, the life and blood of Jesus Christ

2. it is exactly what we need, forgiveness of sins

3. it provides something of infinite worth to us: eternal life

4. it displays the glory of God in Jesus Christ

C. Ponder the gospel as treasure, as to the need for treasure to be entrusted

1. It is valuable as it is, but ruined if corrupted.

2. It can have a fake substituted for it.

3. Its owner, God, has enemies who want to control it.

4. Well-meaning people could let it get lost by carelessness.

5. Its usefulness is in its distribution, so it shouldn't be just kept locked away.

D. APPLICATION: How should one conduct himself in the household of God, the church? He should recognize the presence in the house of the world's greatest treasure!

1. which must be kept

2. which must be distributed

II. Think About the Gospel As Being Entrusted to the Apostles

- A. The concept generally: the owner of something valuable
 - 1. finds someone trustworthy or trusty
 - 2. he entrusts his valuables to him
- B. The entrusting of the gospel to Paul
 - 1. verse 12 He counted me faithful; ESV he judged me faithful
- C. The entrusting of the gospel to Peter and to Paul
 - 1. Galatians 2:6-7 But from those who seemed to be something--whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man--for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me. (7) But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been **committed [ESV entrusted G4100 *pisteuo*] to me**, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter
- D. APPLICATION: Recognize the apostles as your source of the gospel
 - 1. it was entrusted to them by our Lord Jesus Christ
 - 2. they kept it pure
 - 3. they distributed it properly

III. Understand that the Entrusting of the Gospel to Faithful Men Continues

- A. By the apostles to other men, such as Timothy: 1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy! Guard what was **committed to your trust [ESV entrusted to you]**, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge--
- B. By men such as Timothy to other faithful men: 2 Timothy 2:1-3 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit [ESV entrust to] these to faithful men** who will be able to teach others also. (3) You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- C. God willing, this will be the subject more fully next week or the week after
- D. APPLICATION:

CONCLUSION

In the household of God, the church, we recognize the gospel as something entrusted to faithful men.

In your own physical household, if you were to buy expensive jewelry, maybe an engagement ring,

-would it be important to you that if you thought you were getting a genuine diamond, the jeweler delivered to you an actual diamond?

-that it was of the quality advertised?

-that he secured it in a good setting, so it was not lost?

-then let it be that in this spiritual household of God, the church, you concern yourself with the gospel being handled like that

-let it be that you insist on having a jeweler who will treat the gospel as a trusted jeweler treats diamonds and gold

In your own physical household, do you enjoy and rejoice in such jewelry?

-when a young woman receives an engagement ring?

-you wish for it to be shown?

-all want to see it?

-all rejoice in its giving and receiving and wearing?

-then let it be that the gospel, of infinitely greater worth than any earthly treasure, be treated like that

1 Timothy 1:10b-12 sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God ~~which was committed to my trust~~. ESV: with which I have been entrusted. (12) And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me **faithful [G4103 *pistos*]**, putting me into the **ministry [G1248 *diakonia*]**,

Let's consider first that the gospel is something that needs to be entrusted to someone. Why? What are its qualities?

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Let's consider second what the nature of entrusting is.

English:

- The owner of something valuable
- finds someone trustworthy or trusty
- he trusts him
- he entrusts his valuables to him

Greek:

- He counted me G4103 *pistos*
- He G4100 *pisteuo* him
- He G4100 *pisteuo* (another form) his valuables to him

Let's consider third that the entrusting of the gospel was originally to the apostles, particularly to Paul.

RWP, as VWS: passive "with which I was entrusted"

JRY:

RWP: *ho episteuthēn egō*

the last word in the Greek is *ego*, so "which was entrusted to me."

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APPLICATION

One of the distinguishing characteristics of the church in its earliest, purest form was that the disciples devoted themselves to the apostles' doctrine.

Hear the gospel not from men, but from the apostles, and from men only inasmuch as it is the gospel of the apostles.

Let's consider fourth the need for those entrusted with the gospel to be servants (ministers), specifically stewards.

verse 12 putting me into the **ministry** [ESV his service; G1248 *diakonia*],

1 Corinthians 4:1-4 Let a man so consider us, as **servants** [KJV ministers] of Christ and **stewards** [G3623] of the mysteries of God. (2) Moreover it is required in **stewards** that one be found **faithful**. (3) But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. (4) For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

Luke 12:42-43 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise **steward** [G3623], whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? (43) Blessed is that **servant** whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

APPLICATION

In the household of God, let it be that we consider the apostles stewards, who are distributing to us our portion of spiritual food.

-We want to be there at meal times!

-We want to pass the plates along to others.

Call to Worship: Romans 1:16-17

Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 13:10-14

Sermon: "The Gospel Entrusted to Faithful Men"

Benediction: 1 Peter 1:24-25

~~G 228 Not In Me~~ Trinity 705 Grace Greater Than Our Sin

T 69 Lord With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee, Camille Piano, Dorita Sing

G 202 My Jesus Fair, Dorita Piano, Camille Sing

~~G 244 When I See The Blood~~ Trinity 421 Rock of Ages