

## LOVING THE GOSPEL

**SINGLE FOCUS MISSION STATEMENT:** The Single Focus ministry exists to help single young adults find and follow Jesus by knowing, loving, living, and giving the gospel to the glory of God.

- **Knowing the gospel:** have a rich, yet practical understanding of Christ and His work both as taught throughout Scripture and as experienced in one's personal life
- **Loving the gospel:** have a deep gratitude for Christ and His work that responds in public and private, verbal and visible worship

### "GRATITUDE FOR CHRIST..."

Colossians 3:15-17 — "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

*"Jesus, Thank You"*

Your blood has washed away my sin—  
Jesus, thank You!

The Father's wrath completely satisfied—  
Jesus, thank You!

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table—  
Jesus, thank You!

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### "AND HIS WORK..."

These are aspects of Christ's *Ongoing* work in your life as a believer

- **Creator** — Jesus created you and *everything* about you! John 1:1-5, 1 John 1:1-4, Psalm 139:13-14

### • **The Author and Finisher of our Faith**

- Hebrews 12:1-2 — "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

### • **High Priest** — Hebrews 4:14-16 ... Why should this impact me?

- Jesus knows my deepest pains, and He understands what it is like to feel pain.
- Jesus was obedient to the will of His heavenly Father, even when He did not desire to die.
- My sins are gone! They are paid for! I do not need to live in guilt, because my High Priest took my guilt!
- I now have complete access to God because of Jesus!

### • **Advocate** — 1 John 2:1

### • **Light of the world** — John 8:12; 9:5

### • **Bread of Life** — Christ is my sufficiency! John 6:35, 48

### • **True Vine**

- John 15:4-5 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

### • **Shepherd and Overseer of Your Soul**

- 1 Peter 2:24-25 — "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

Why should I love the Gospel?

- *He loved me* first! (1 John 4:19)
- I couldn't have done it on my own. (Titus 3:5)
- My guilt is gone! (1 John 4:10)
- I have hope, and I am secure in Christ! (Titus 2:11-13)
- Ask yourself, what are some other reasons that you should be grateful for the Gospel?

How can I display that love? How should I respond to the Gospel?

***"...THAT RESPONDS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE,  
VERBAL AND VISIBLE WORSHIP."***

***"Worship"***

*A devoted life of service* — "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Philippians 3:3 → real Christianity:

- Worship in the Spirit
- Rejoice in Christ Jesus
- Put no confidence in the flesh

***"Public and private"***

- *Privately* — communing with God
  - Prayer — "Close the door to your private place, and pray to your Father in secret." (Matthew 6:6)
  - Scripture — "Meditate upon these things." (1 Timothy 4:15, Ephesians 5:15-16)
    - Uninterrupted time
    - Uncompromised time
- *Publicly* — imitating Jesus Christ; being an example
  - Ephesians 5:1 — "be imitators"
  - Matthew 5:16 — "let your light so shine"

- 1 Timothy 4:12 — "be an example"
- 1 Timothy 4:15 — Why do we meditate? "That thy profiting may appear to all"

***"Verbal and visible"***

- *Verbally* — talking about God
  - Don't be ashamed! Romans 1:16
  - Depend on God to help you speak about Him clearly! Colossians 4:3-4
- *Visibly* — worship God with others
  - Hebrews 10:24-25 — "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

These things are all worship. They are an outflow of love and gratitude for God, for Jesus, and all that He's done for us. This is how we should respond to the Gospel!