

The Strangeness of the Gospel

1 Peter 2:9-12

1.) We Are Strangers to This World Because We Have Been Called Out of the Darkness to Belong To God

1 Peter 2:9, "9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"

A.) There has been a radical shift in our relationship with God

1 Peter 2:10, "10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

Colossians 1:13, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."

Ephesians 5:8, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, "4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness."

B.) There has been a radical shift in our relationship with one another.

C.) There has been a radical shift in the central pursuit of our lives.

2.) Since We Do Belong To Him, We Find Ourselves Estranged From This World and It's Values.

1 Peter 2:11, "11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,"

John 15:18-19, *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."*

Philippians 3:20, *"20 For our citizenship is in heaven..."*

Romans 12:2, *"2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

3.) We Must Consciously Live With a Grace-Filled, Counter-Culture Allegiance to Christ.

I Peter 2:11-12, *"11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."*

A.) We Must Live with a Counter-Culture Allegiance to Christ

Malachi 3:6, *"I the Lord do not change..."*

Isaiah 5:20, *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."*

B.) While Saying No to what God Defines as Sin, We Keep Saying Yes to What God Defines as Righteousness

I Peter 2:12, *"having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."*