

The Gospel's Invitation

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Rolfe Barnard's sermon emphasizes the Gospel's invitation to experience God's glory through faith in Jesus Christ.

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Scripture: Acts 9:1-6, Romans 1:16, 2 Corinthians 4:2-6

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes that salvation is only possible through Jesus Christ. He emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ. The preacher encourages the audience to rely on God's teachings and the Holy Spirit to guide their spiritual journey. He also emphasizes the need to give credit to God and not take credit for ourselves. The sermon concludes with a reminder that belief in Jesus Christ is essential for salvation.

Transcript

My name is Richard, and the question I would like to discuss with you is a certain point we discussed before, and if you follow me back, we discussed this one, 3.6. It just goes back to the Scripture, you get it? And that we are seen, we have this ministry, as we receive mercy, we think not. But having renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not working with craftiness, not handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves for every man's confidence in the sight of God, let our gospel be healed. It is given to them that are lost.

Even the God of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not. Lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. But we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.

And also as your servants, but He's the Savior. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. There's a concept that Satan has blinded the minds of men who believe not.

Yes, he didn't blind the minds. They have experienced the power coming from the Bible, coming from the Bible itself. And very many women today, they have the knowledge of the glory of God.

And they find that knowledge, and they see that knowledge, they see that glory in the face of Jesus Christ. That contrasted with Paul saying to the people lying around the city of Corinth that I've experienced what we call salvation. And he said, you know what happened to us? All the minds of us, we saw the same God.

The way that candle lit that day to light, and the light of that same God, has shined in our hearts. Paul says that's what it means to be a Christian. To be a Christian is somebody who's seen the glory of God.

He's seen it in the face of the Lord Jesus Christ. You haven't even seen the glory of God in the face of Christ. It's because God has normalized it today.

It's shined in our hearts. When we do a blessed thing, those who have touched the burden from their time, they don't depart from the religious world. It takes away some of our man-made time.

And let this scripture once again tell us what it means to be a child of God. This is one of the most beautiful scriptures in the Bible. And that could be explained in a Bible you haven't experienced.

When you get preached about it in the Pope, it might be somebody who's had their eyes opened, staring up. God, the same God, who turned off the darkness by turning on the light of the glory of Himself in the face of Christ, down in somebody's heart, whether it was darkness of the life, whether it was misery of the joy, whether it was gladness of the peace of the nation. If you want to see God's glory, there's one place to see it.

In the face of Jesus Christ. That is the face of Jesus Christ. It's the soul of the gospel.

Like I set aside you, and I laid my feet in you, and I know, as they came to the picture, of the Lord Jesus Christ. And again reading that picture, in the hands of the Holy Ghost, Christ will become R-E-A-L, real today. And they know my spirit.

That means the past, the darkness, in the light. Now the man who wrote this passage of Scripture, wrote it like everyone else he wrote, it's not the fault, it's part of his own experience. From being this man, yet the Lord Jesus Christ, from the darkness went away, and God turned on the light.

And this man saw God's glory, he saw it in the very face, of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, In fact it's 22, and 26 in the first part of Paul's own description, of the time when in darkness, you're walking down to Damascus, to kill off some old Christians. And they're taking some aspirin, they'll kill a cold, and they'll take you back to the safe.

That happened just now. It was right while I was there. I was appealing to the Lord, and I said, I know this is precious, and it started in my heart, to say this part.

I just want to talk to you a little while, to know about three things, that happened just like that. The first thing was God. He gave all the credit to God.

He says, God shined in my heart. God said, God and theology, all points to God. God's testimony means, and that's the last thing you need, is God.

When God brings somebody to kill, most of the time, I'll do this, I'll do this. I'll do the other. I'll just ask the broken heart, and check the death rate.

I don't know, I can't say to them, check the arm, the knees, the aching feet, and the lungs, I check people, and check their pain, and check their feet. I will be out of Damascus, and I will be religious at all. Get out.

He said, I was as anxious as it could be he was. He said, I have been working myself to death trying to stamp out this terrible person. They really talked about the priest in my day, but that fellow, Jesus, he was the illegitimate son of a poor old woman.

He was born out of guilt now. He went around the country making certain claims and finally the people caught up with him and gave him just what was coming to him. And they took him outside of the city of Jerusalem, the holy city, and nailed him to a tree.

They went around their own country claiming that that person was the living God. They actually went to Paris to say that when they buried that fellow, Jesus, he didn't stay in jail. That God raised him from the dead.

But the terrible liar left the face of the earth. And in the preface of the message tonight, there was one thing Saul of Tarsus knew for certain. He knew that this fellow, Jesus, was not the same God.

If he could prove that by his scripture, we'll see that tomorrow. He said that he was more generous than the religion of his father, the last disciple of God. He was a holy soul, you know.

And he said, I got some letters to his production, and I was able to tell you what I knew, because I was able to tell him that the last disciple of the religion was from these people of the land. He was standing next to a little holy seat above. This fellow, Jesus, was alive.

He was God's Lord. You know, I've walked around the world, said the words, and we've heard the words, but we didn't see the person. Saul, the Lord, said, Lord, Lord, you've been a living machine.

Now they've just matched us. Lord. You know, I've gone down to the next person, and I've seen somebody longer, reading my instructions.

You believe what I'm about to tell you, and what happened? When I said, if you call him, ask him to. He said, Saul, the God of your father hath chosen you to hear my word. And if you shall know the word of God, you are to know it, unless you have heard it all.

I have chosen you because you see that blessed one in salvation never comes apart from seeing Christ. I have chosen you because you see my word, my mouth. Salvation never comes apart from the mouth of God.

I call that you shall be my witness from now on. Unless you've got something to talk about, a person you see, that I have seen, in order to become a Christian, and get to see a God, and get to hear this discovery that this Saul of Tarsus did. In New York, Paul said, all has happened because the God who commanded love shall be with us.

One out of every hundred people in the last few years has said this in their lives, but if you were to see it, if you were to look on the dark face of your life and attend to it, and go in and hang on to it all the time, say this, three million out of every three people in the world that have seen the Lord, because of the God who commanded love, and the God who said, that I shall be the one whom Christ is going to love. I could not say who the only God in the name of God is going to be. It is going to be someone who is not only a

professional, but a seeker, a believer, with a living faith, and serious heart, and can feel a feeling of peace and forgiveness, and joy, and doesn't stand up on the high road and say, I confess to be my Lord.

I've got in contact with Him. I know I've experienced Him. A prayer for me, all the time, a love, my family, God, and my heart.

But I don't want to go back. So, you see, in the back of it, the master, in the back of it, there's a lot of difference between my living and my death, that could be. But when I go to the master, the Supreme Lord, I go to the master, and say, I hope you've been on the right side of the road.

And through my entire life, I've been on the right side of the road, and I know that I've done it. I was feeling like I've been to the presence of the living God. He was prepared, and there it's all recorded in this holy book.

Oh, Lord, when you want to get a glimpse of the glory of God, accept him, Jesus Christ, in your heart. And then, I'm going to request that you don't think that's the one who was in the world, and the world knew him not. He came on his own, did his mission, in his own household, with his brothers and sisters, and said, the folks didn't know this man did not.

He came on his own, in his own household, with his friends and not. But he knows that he did not. And then, he was asked to become a Christian, and God gave him his belief, and it means, he was born out of the world, now, in the presence of the living God.

And so, he came to him and he said, you know, the good man is here. Oh, and we thought, ah, did he just walk in there? Oh, so he did. And so, the good man was here.

He was here. And so, the only begotten son of the Father, and so, the kingdom of heaven was saved on the cross of our Lord. And so, communion with Christ until the day of cross signs on the cross of our Lord.

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And so, the good man was here. the day of cross signs on the cross of our Lord. And so, the kingdom of heaven was saved on the cross And so, with Christ If you don't let down the pressure, you're losing your experience with the Christ that you're talking about.

If you don't ever want to be around the doctors or you don't want to be around the so-called underlings of the faith, you're the underling of the faith, you're a sinner, you're a crown, you're a sick slave, you're a beggar. And that's the difficulty that we have to face now. If we've got that good sense, if there's any concern for our soul, we'll think that nothing matters.

Don't stop the feeling of not believing. Don't stop the believing of our Christ. Seek Him in and love Him.

Until you're through with it, you're sure that you love Him, but you didn't think you loved Him. So you found out you loved Him. I believe with all of my heart.

Believe me, I know I'm one of those people. I'm not one of those people. I believe with all of my heart.

I'm 36 years old, trying to preach the word of God. I believe with all of my heart. What a man or a woman or a boy or a girl can do.

It's so well thought of to ask the least of those who fear God. But what do you believe? What do you believe? You can just ask the right question. And I believe that a man who's got a Bible will also be enjoined to believe in Christ today.

If you've got a Bible, that's what you've got to believe in. I'm a little bit of an atheist. And if I could, I'd scream and scream and scream.

But people don't. But I am going to say one last thing. And when that man left, no other people from the Jews had mercy.

So when that man returned, there was no more Jews. Yes, there were five Jews in the city of Jerusalem. And he said that I have written a scripture, and it would be in the big language of 21, verses 23 and 23.

And for everything, he said, those people wouldn't say that it wasn't written in the scripture, they would say it was. It didn't have time, and it wouldn't be a blessing. And here we are in section 21, verse 22.

This is God's love. Any man who hath the ability to see and hear his breath, and he be put to death, and thou be in him all children. Hath he made all men upon the tree, that thou shalt be made wise for him that day.

For they do that with shame, including for everybody that I see, that came out lame, that Jesus, anybody that looked death by being hanged on a tree, with hunger, with thirst, with hunger. He did not forsake, believe, apart from the Holy Spirit revealing it to him. Hath he made all flesh to die, that's the death of Jesus.

That's the death of all man. He died to make us all die. He didn't die to make us all die.

He lived, he lived, he lived, he lived to make us all die. He hung on a cross under the curse of God. He hung on a cross under the curse of God.

I think so, and I think God made you in some place, but you know, his hands don't belong to you, but some guys like you don't belong to me, you know? God, yeah. Oh, God, can you hear? Can you hear what I hear? The more, the better, the more you are in love with the Lord. You don't have to be afraid to stand up and touch the ground.

God is a perfect man. He gives life, labor, He loves you. You don't have to be afraid.

God will have you in His hands.

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