

D6 – the vision and purpose of GBC

"A Biblical Vision of God leads us to our Gospel Purpose in Christ."

1. A Biblical Vision of God?

- What we do NOT mean by "vision:"
- What we DO mean by "biblical vision:"
- A biblical vision of God!
- A biblical vision of God (summarized) =

The Glory of God =

OT teaching (glory of YHWH): Exodus 33:11-23 (esp. 32:35; 33:1-5, 18-23)

NT teaching (God's glory in Jesus): John 1:14 (Jesus' glory) and 12:37-41 (Isaiah saw Jesus' glory); Luke 9:28-36 (glory of God in the Son at the Mount of Transfiguration); // **Future glory for Jesus:** Matthew 16:27 (Jesus' glory in judgment); 24:30 (Jesus' glory as He gathers His elect); 25:31 (Jesus' glory in the sheep and goat judgment); Revelation 21:22-27 (the glory of the New Jerusalem).

Practically speaking:

The Cross of Christ =

Christ's death related to God's glory:

"The cross of Christ" (what we're NOT saying):

- i.
- ii.

OT type: Leviticus 16 (the Day of Atonement) –

NT teaching: Hebrews 9:22, 24-26

Practically speaking: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ("I determined to know nothing among you except Christ and Him crucified."); Galatians 6:14-15 ("But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.")

The Transformation of Life by the Spirit =

The role of the Holy Spirit is to:

Understanding regeneration (and progressive sanctification):

OT anticipation (glimmers of His "fuller" ministry to come - Saul: the HS came upon him with the prophets and he became "another" man, 1 Sam 10:6 "Then the Spirit of YHWH will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man."): Jeremiah 31:31-34 (God's promise to the house of Israel and Judah of a new heart; the New Covenant) and Ezekiel 36:22-32 (the promise of the HS); ch 37 – dead bones brought to life (Hope for Israel in the future, 37:14 "I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your land..")

NT teaching: John 3:1-8 (You must be born again); Titus 3:3-8 (turn to!); 2 Cor 5:17 (new creature); // Romans 8:10-13 (But if you live by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body); Galatians 3:3-6 (Having begun by the Spirit are you now perfected by the flesh?); 1 Peter 1:2 (Chosen by the sanctifying work of the HS).

Practically speaking:

2. Our Gospel Purpose in Christ?

- What do we mean by “gospel purpose?”

Drawing In =

“Drawing in” is uniquely God’s sovereign and saving work!

John 6:44, 65 (turn to these)

Jesus crucified is God’s unique object of attraction.

John 12:32 (If I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself); 1 Corinthians 1:18 (the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God), 22-24 (to those who are called. . . Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God); 2:1-5 (Your faith must rest on NOT the wisdom of men, but on the power of God in the cross and gospel).

Practically speaking: (using what the Father and HS love to use to draw in sinners – the gospel!)

Building Up =

Understanding the place of my edification within the church’s edification, Ephesians 4:11-16 (walk through especially 4:16!).

Practically speaking:

Sending Out =

Grasping the connection between “drawing in,” “building up,” and “sending out:”

God has always been a sending God.

Exodus 3:10, 12-14 (Moses); Isaiah 6:8-9 (Isaiah); Jeremiah 1:6-7, 9 (Jeremiah); Ezekiel 2:3-4; 3:5-6 (Ezekiel); John 1:6, 33; 3:28 (John the Baptist)

Jesus Christ was sent by His sending Father.

“Send” or “sent” in John’s Gospel: 50 times! Read through and trace. . .

The Holy Spirit was “sent,” too – John 14:26 (the Father will send Him in My name); 15:26 (whom I will send to you from the Father); 16:7 (I will send Him to you).

Disciples of Jesus (and the body of Christ) are sent ones as well.

John 4:38 (I sent you. . .); 17:18 (as You sent Me into the world, I have also sent them into the world); 20:21 (as the Father sent Me, I also send you); Matthew 9:35-10:5 (Beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest. . .!!!!)

Practically speaking: