

# Capturing God's Heart For The Lost

## Part - 1

- I. **2 Cor 3:18** - *“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.”*
  - A. The more accurately we see Him the more thoroughly we are changed.
    1. As you behold the glory of His grace, you transformed into the same image - gracious
    2. As you behold the glory of His mercy, you transformed into the same image - merciful
    3. As you behold the glory of His joy, you transformed into the same image - joyful
  - B. **This evening and tomorrow morning I want you to give you four glimpses into the glory of His heart for the lost which will then transform you into a seeker of the lost - an ambassador for Christ**
- II. **2 Corinthians 5:18-21** - Reconcile means to restore to previous favor or to restore to its's original intended condition
  - A. **Glimpse #1: Verse 18** - **You can't be reconciled to God without then becoming a reconciler for God.**
    1. **If you don't become a reconciler of the lost, you will become an evaluator of the saved.**
      - a. **There is something inherit in our new nature that wants to see people get right with God.**
      - b. If we don't direct it at the lost - we will direct it at the saved.
      - c. **Instead of pursuing sinner - you will be policing the Saints**
    2. When those who are called to fish don't fish, they fight.
  - B. **Glimpse #2: Verse 19** - **You can't count trespasses and reconcile at the same time.**
    1. The Greek word for “count” is “logizomai” which means “treat accordingly.”  
**Luke 6:35-36** - **“God is kind to the ungrateful and evil men & be merciful like your father.”**
      - a. This verse tells us that you can't treat people according to their sins if you want to reconcile their souls
      - b. **Jesus didn't count before you got saved and He is not counting now (pitcher) Jer 18**
    2. God hates sin, but He loves sinners

a. **God loves based on who He is - He overlooks your past and your future**

b. Jesus doesn't count - He covers

**1 Peter 4:8 - "keep fervent in your love for others, because love covers a multitude of sins."**

**James 5:20 - "let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."**

c. **Love covers sins - The law counts sins (Satin Sheet Slayer)**

3. Jesus knew you can't minister to people you don't love - Matthew 10:5-8

**4. If you don't have a burden for their souls, you will count the sins of their lives.**

a. Mark Twain - Christians are good in the worse sense of the word.

b. **Little girl - Lord, please make the bad people good and the good people nice.**

C. **Glimpse #3: Verse 19 - God has committed to us a word of reconciliation.**

word of wisdom **or** word of knowledge

1. The word for committed is "**tithemi**" which means to "*place within or to assign to you.*"

a. **A word placed within you will reconcile a sinner**

1) I have found that you can't effectively and consistently share your faith out of **duty** it has to be from **desire** or love.

**2 Corinthians 5:14** states, "*For Christ's love compels us.*" (NIV)

2) **Duty** will cause you to call the fire department if you see a house on fire

**Duty** will cause you to call 911 if you see a crime being committed

**Duty** will cause you throw a life preserver if you see someone drowning

3) **Duty** will cause you to go the first mile, but only **desire** will cause you to go the 2nd

**Duty** will cause you to do just enough, but only **desire** will cause you to do more than

**Duty** will cause you to do what is required, only **desire** will cause you to do what is

b. An assigned word will reconcile an aspect of sinfulness

**2. If you are faithful with the word that has been placed in you for a sinner, He will then assign you a word for some aspect of lostness**

a. **James Dobson has a word that will reconcile families**

b. Gary Smalley has word that will reconcile marriages

**c. John Maxwell has a word that will reconcile Leadership**

- If we minister to the needs of their lives it will open them up for the needs of their souls.
- It is in ministering to the natural that will open them up to the spiritual.**
- Before they will deal with eternal issues they must have the temporal ones attended to.

**3. This word comes as a result of what God has reconciled you from and through.**

Isaiah 51:1 - (Regard - Pay attention to)

**If You can see how you were dug by God it will teach you how to dig for God.**

- a. What delivers you will also direct you.
  - b. What ministers to you will also move you.**
  - c. What feeds you will also focus you.
  - d. What saves you will also send you.**
  - e. What brings change to you will also bring change to others.
- 4. Because I was dug from the quarry of drug addiction, repeated incarcerations and a life of laziness and failure,**
5. God has assigned to me a word that will reconcile the addicted, the incarcerated, and the unproductive.

**D. If you will quit being an evaluator of the saved and start becoming a reconciler of the lost,**

If your quit counting sin and start covering sin,

**And if you are faithful with the word of reconciliation that God has placed within you for a sinner**

In your faithfulness God will assign to you a word of reconciliation for some aspect of sinfulness,

**Then you will become an “Ambassador For Christ” where you will let God do His pleading through you.**

This is Glimpse # 4 and I will share it with you tomorrow morning in the Sunday School hour.