

Holiness
Part 10
God is the Gospel

1 Peter 1:20-21

Introduction:

What is the Gospel?

- God wants us... (vv. 18-19)
- God wants us to enjoy Him supremely! (vv. 20-21)

I. Peter closes this Call to Holiness with the Great News (Gospel) of:

A. God's Eternal **Passion** for Us. v. 20a

The Doctrine of Election

B. God's Unthinkable **Pursuit** of Us. v. 20b

The Doctrine of the Incarnation

C. God's Compelling **Persuasion** of Us. v. 21a

The Doctrine of Regeneration

D. God's Unstoppable **Power** for Us. v. 21b

The Resurrection & the Lordship of Christ

“The gospel of Christ proclaims the news that He has purchased by His death ten thousand blessings for His bride. But none of these gifts will lead to final joy if they have not first led to God. And not one gospel blessing will be enjoyed by anyone for whom the gospel's greatest gift was not the Lord Himself.”

John Piper

II. Peter unveils the Chief Goal and Highest Purpose of the Gospel:

A. Our Unrivaled Satisfaction in God Himself v. 21c

Jeremiah 2:11-13

- 11 Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods?
But My people have changed their Glory for what does not profit.
- 12 Be astonished, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid;
Be very desolate," says the LORD.
- 13 " For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters,
And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

B. Our Life-shaping Pursuit of God Himself

*Magnifying God,
Directing all Eyes toward His Sovereign Glory e³ Sweet Goodness, and
Exhibiting the Exhilarating Joy of Knowing Him is:*

1. The Methodology of Our Sanctification
2. The Announcement of Our Worship
3. The Calling of Pastors
4. The Chief Ingredient of Biblical Fellowship
5. The Task of Our Evangelism
6. The Explicit Mission Statement of every Church Ministry or Activity

1 Peter 1:13-21

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were redeemed not with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.