



- There was no activity more important to Paul than preaching the _____ of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:15-16, 1 Cor. 9:22-23).
- We either preach the Gospel or forfeit our calling (1 Cor. 2:2, 9:16)

1.) A sincerely grateful life is a _____ - _____ life (v. 3).

- Notice the nature of Paul's gratitude: Always (Ephesians 5:19-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:18).
- Unyielding gratitude comes only from a steadfast focus on the Good News of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:4-6, v. 3-6).

2.) Be grateful that the Gospel is the _____ of God's grace (v. 4).

- Perhaps Satan's most sinister lie is the notion that we get to heaven by being a good person.
 - Works-based salvation engenders stress, not gratitude.
 - If our good deeds really were the ticket to heaven, why would we need to give thanks to God?
- **The Gospel is accessed by faith alone** (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- _____ is a necessary response to the Gospel (Col. 2:6-7).
 - Are our hearts flooded with sincere gratitude for the Gospel?
 - Do you have a conversion testimony? Does it resound with gratitude?

3.) Be grateful that the Gospel is the assurance of _____ (v. 5).

-- By God's design, eternity is planted in the human heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

-- **The Gospel hope of heaven is _____.**

-- Hope in Scripture is the deeply-rooted conviction that what we believe will undeniably come to pass.

-- We can be sure about our eternal destination.

-- When joined to God as intensely as we are joined to Christ, how could he not live forever with Him?

-- **The Gospel hope of heaven is _____.**

-- Heaven is not just our hope today, it is our eternally glorious hope in Christ.

-- Given the eternal hope of heaven, it becomes clear that we can be far too preoccupied with the problems of this life.

-- **The Gospel calls us to live in light of _____.**

-- C.S. Lewis – “All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.”

-- Randy Alcorn – “He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain. He who spends his life moving toward his treasures has reason to rejoice. Are you despairing or rejoicing?”

-- C.S. Lewis – “There are a good many things which would not be worth bothering about if I were going to live only seventy years, but which I had better bother about very seriously if I am going to live forever.”

4.) The _____ _____ calls us to fix our hearts on Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

-- It points back to the cross and the great cost of this gift.

-- It points inward and compels us to give thanks to God.

-- It points ahead to heaven and the Wedding Feast of the Lamb
(Revelation 19:1-6).