

What Does God Do For You Through the Gospel? (Acts 26:18)

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➤ Intro:

- **God's word does God's will**
 - **Is. 55:11** God's word not return to Him empty, accomplishes what He desire
- **gospel is the power of God**
 - **Rom. 1:16** gospel, power of God for salvation, everyone who believes
 - **1 Th. 2:13** God's word performs its work in people who believe
- **But, what does it do?** - could be many answers, but this lesson focuses on Acts 26:18

➤ Paul recounts His conversation, and commission from the Lord — What does the gospel do for you?

- **Acts 26:12-18**
 - **context:** Paul making his defense before Agrippa
 - **vs. 16** Jesus appointed Paul to be a minister and witness (apostle)
 - **vs. 18** Jesus, what Paul would accomplish through the gospel
- **What does God do for you through the gospel?**
 - **what:** open our eyes
 - **with eyes opened:** turns us from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God
 - **in kingdom of God:** receive forgiveness of sins, have an inheritance, sanctified by faith in Jesus

➤ The gospel opens your eyes — know what's right and wrong with opened eyes

- **Acts 26:18** Paul's commission, gospel, open our eyes
 - **Jn. 17:17** God's **word is truth**
- - **2 Cor. 3:14-15** eyes **opened in Christ**, veil removed — **eyes opened in Christ**
 - **Jn. 14:6** **Jesus is** the way, truth, life, no one goes to the Father but through Him
- - **Col. 2:3** **in Jesus, hidden** all treasures of wisdom and knowledge
 - **Eph 4:18** people outside Christ, unwise spiritually
- **illus.: someone who has poor eye sight and put on glasses** the first time — eyes opened, see the truth about things as never before — **God's word is our eye glasses to see spiritual truth**

➤ Because your eyes are open, turn you from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God

- **Acts 26:18** Paul's commission, gospel, their eyes, turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God
- **mission of Jesus on earth** — **through His gospel delivered by apostles**
 - **Jn. 8:12** Jesus, Light of the world, follow Jesus and have the Light of life.” — **eyes opened, truth, Jesus, salvation**
 - **Jn. 12:46** believe in Jesus, not remain in darkness – **must believe**
- **God called us out of darkness – through gospel**
 - **1 Pet. 2:9** God called you out of darkness into His marvelous light – **result of answering call**
 - **2 Th. 2:14** called through the gospel. . . .” – **method called, gospel**
- **result of answering the call – salvation**
- - **Col. 1:13-14** rescued domain darkness, transferred kingdom of Christ (light)
- **our responsibility after answering the call – stay in the light, not return to darkness**
- - **Eph. 5:7** not participate with people in darkness (sin), walk as children of light

- **Because your eyes are opened and you are in the kingdom of God (Christ). . . . – gospel foes for you**
 - **your sins are forgiven**
 - **Rom. 1:16** gospel power of God, salvation
 - **Jn. 8:32** Jesus, truth will make you free.” – **sin, hell**
 - **Rom. 8:2** law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death
 - - **Eph. 5:25-27** Jesus, church, Christians, washing of water with the word – **word, obey, washed with water, baptized**
 - - **1 Pet. 3:18-21** Jesus died for us, saved, word - **like Noah, word, ark, saved - us, word, saved, water, baptized**
- - **you have an inheritance from God – heaven, eternal life**
 - **Eph. 2:4-10** (e.g., Ephesus) saved, God’s love and mercy and grace
 - - **Eph. 1:11, 14, 18** (e.g., Ephesus) inheritance - **heaven, eternal life**
- - **you are sanctified – by faith – sanctify = make holy, set apart**
 - **Jn. 17:17** God’s word is truth
 - **Eph. 5:26** Jesus sanctify Christians, washing of water with the word – **baptized, obedience to word**
 - - **Heb. 13:12-13** Jesus, sanctified, own blood, outside the gate, therefore we must go outside the gate
- **Summary / Inv.**
 - Jesus went outside the gate (Jerusalem) to to die for your sins, you must go outside the gate (world, sin) to be saved – **gospel, power of God, baptized**
 - **What does God do for you through the gospel?**
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 - **Inv.:** Will you come to Jesus, outside the gate?