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

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

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- Inv.: Will you come to Jesus, outside the gate?