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## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

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## ***The Pastors Message:***

### **Is the gospel really hid?**

*"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

*2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6*

Could it really be that the gospel is hid to some? It is not only possible, but it is a fact that the gospel is hid from all the lost. This means it is unrecognizable by the lost people unless the Holy Spirit quickens your spirit and leads you to it. Preachers today teach untruths; they do not understand what they teach because they are lost. God calls them "blinded", *"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."* Matthew 15:13 - 14 The blinded person mentioned here is a lost person, and these lost people leading the blind as lost Ministers that have never trusted Jesus Christ as his Lord. These mega churches are going nowhere, blind people cannot lead because "...both shall fall into the ditch." Salvation is not available to the world, God never said it was, it is to those that God will give it too. *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."* John 6:44 Only God can save a lost sinner and lead them to Jesus Christ. These old antics used by the lost churches and preachers are falsely teaching blind man's teachings, just leading people into hell's fiery flames. People have lost the Sovereignty of God, but God's Sovereignty is still real, and God truly does still save sinners. Who believes it or does not believe it is not my problem, I cannot change a wicked heart and cause them to believe on Jesus Christ. This is the Sovereignty of God that people do not believe, *"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."* Romans 9:15 John wrote about this same sovereignty *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to*

*them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:11 - 13* Nowhere in the scriptures (in the context of them) does God leave salvation up to a lost unbeliever who cannot see, hear, nor believe our gospel. Salvation is a gift from God, it is not something people accomplish on their own. Do not be fooled by lost teachers that do not understand that salvation is God’s gift to those who believe in Jesus Christ. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”* Romans 3:23 - 26

### ***Knowing God***

By Don Fortner

*Job 11:7 “Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?”*

Zophar asks, *“Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?”* — Never! The wisdom and power of God are made known to all men in creation, and to some extent even his goodness. But that revelation of God is not enough to satisfy a soul convinced that God is holy, to quieten a conscience convicted of sin, and to soothe a heart bowed down with a load of guilt. A guilty sinner wants to know, “How can I be just with God? How can his justice be satisfied, his wrath appeased, and his anger propitiated? How may I know that he is my God, my Father? How may I be assured that he loves me, has pardoned me of all my sin, and accepts me?” Could you comprehend all God’s great works of creation, were you able at once to *“enter into the treasures of the snow,”* comprehend *“by what way the light is parted”* and the wind is scattered, were you able to *“bind up the sweet influences of Pleiades”* and *“loose the bands of Orion,”* give strength to a horse, teach the hawk to fly, and command the eagle to soar on high, even if you could draw out leviathan with a hook and play with him like a bird, still the question that must be answered before you can live in this world in peace is this — *“How can a man be justified with God? How can he be clean that is born of a woman?”*

*“Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?”* — Never! Even the knowledge of God that you might gain by reading his law is, at best, vague and shadowy. It is true, the holiness of God is set forth in its precepts and the justice of God in its threatenings; but the law can never be more or less than what the Holy Spirit declares it to be — The ministration of death and condemnation (2 Corinthians 3:7-9). The law tells you that you must be justified, but can never justify you, or show you how you can be justified. It breathes not a sound of mercy to a poor sinner; not one kind, soothing, saving accent falls from its lips. It speaks of death, but not of life; of condemnation, but not of salvation. It asserts the authority, reflects the holiness, and declares the vengeance of God; but not one beam of hope springing from his mercy, his grace, and his love does it throw upon the gloomy path of a terrified doomed, damned soul rushing to eternity!

*“Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?”* — Never! But, blessed be his name, God can be known, known by sinful men, and known with satisfaction, peace, and joy. The Triune Jehovah is so known by all to whom he has *“made known the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.”* In effectual calling, by the saving operations of his grace in us, God the Holy Ghost has *“made known the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.”* Blessed be his name forever, by his Spirit, through the gospel, our great God, the God of all grace, has revealed himself to us and in us in Christ, *“in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”* In him and by him, we now know God and have eternal life!

### ***That ocean in which all true delights and pleasures meet!***

By John Flavel

Christ is the very essence of all delights and pleasures — the very soul and substance of them. As all the rivers are gathered into the ocean, which is the meeting-place of all the waters in the world — so Christ is that ocean in which all true delights and pleasures meet!