

## **Vision and Values**

### **Part 2: Gospel**

1 Cor 15:1-5

*Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

*3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures*

Isaiah 6

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

*4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”*

*6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

*8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”*

### **1. We Are Really Lost**

Isaiah 6:5

*5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”*

2 ways that Isaiah recognizes his lostness:

- a) He saw the massive gulf between himself and the glory of God

Job 42:5-6

*I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;*

*therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."*

Luke 5:8

*"But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."*

b) He saw that he worshiped the wrong things

Isaiah 6:3

*And one called to another and said:  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

## **2. God rescues us in Christ**

Isaiah 6:6

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Isaiah 6:7

*And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."*

- 2 big theology words we're going to learn to understand what happens in this act of forgiveness
  - "guilt is taken away" = **Expiation**
  - ex·pi·a·tion - *n. the removal of guilt*

Leviticus 16:21-22

*And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. 22 The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.*

Psalms 103:12

*"As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."*

Isaiah 53:4, ESV)

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*

- "your sin atoned for" = **Propitiation**

pro·pi·ti·a·tion

*n. satisfaction of God's wrath*

1 John 4:10

*In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

Matthew 26:38-39

*"Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."*

Luke 22:44

*And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

Matthew 27:46

*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Hebrews 10:11-12

*And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God*

2 Corinthians 5:21

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### **3. The Gospel is the fuel for following Christ**

Isaiah 6:8

*8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."*

2 Corinthians 5:15

*15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

*18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the*

*message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*