

Least of These, Lesson # 10 Living the Gospel

Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV) *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”.*

Living the Gospel means you walk the talk.

“For God So Loved . . .”

John 3:16 (NKJV) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* [Sermon notes on John 3:16]

The original Greek word is kosmos, meaning “the world as a created, organized entity.” John 3:16 means He also loves those whom we are uncomfortable with, or even afraid of. God loves all people, everywhere, even those whom we might not particularly like.

For God	the greatest Giver
so loved	the greatest motive
the world	the greatest number
that He gave	the greatest act
His only Son	the greatest gift
that whosoever	the greatest invitation
believes in Him	the greatest opportunity
should not perish	the greatest deliverance
but have eternal life	the greatest joy.

John 3:17 (NKJV) *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

Compassion and Repentance

Matthew 9:36 (NKJV) *But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*

Luke 19:41–44 (NKJV) *Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your*

enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

***John 11:34–36 (NKJV)** *And He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”*

Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV) *Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord God, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’*

Deuteronomy 5:29 (NKJV) *Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!*

Luke 10:33–34 (NKJV) *But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.*

1 John 1:8–10 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

Grace and Good Works

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV) *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. This includes works for our fellow man.*

Colossians 1:10 (NKJV) *that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

1 Timothy 5:10 (NKJV) *well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints’ feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.*

***2 Timothy 2:21 (NKJV)** *Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.*

Titus 2:7 (NKJV) *in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,*

Revelation 22:12 (NKJV) *“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”*

“Those who receive are to impart to others. From every direction are coming calls for help. God calls upon men to minister gladly to their fellow men.”— The Ministry of Healing, p. 103.

- I used to be a sinner running AFTER sin, but now that I am saved I'm a sinner running FROM sin! Are you running or walking.
- God does not save us against our will but he makes us willing by his grace. He does not tear up the door of our hearts with a forcible entry but rather with a key of grace.

Our Common Humanity

Malachi 2:10 (NKJV) *Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously with one another By profaning the covenant of the fathers?*

Acts 17:26 (NKJV) *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,*

***1 Corinthians 12:13** (NKJV) *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

Luke 4:25–27 (NKJV) *But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶ but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”*

The stories of Rahab, Ruth, Naaman, the Phoenician woman Elijah live with.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV) *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

The Everlasting Gospel

Revelation 14:6 (NKJV) *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—*

2 Samuel 23:5 (NKJV) *“Although my house is not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire; Will He not make it increase?”*

Psalms 145:13 (NKJV) *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

Psalms 139:23–24 (NKJV) *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

One reason this is called the everlasting gospel is because the results of this message are everlasting.