

UNIT 3 TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY

I/ Evangelism: The _____

- “Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.” (4:1)
- “Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. (5:11)
- “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.” (5:20)
- “Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain...Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” (6:1,2)

II/ Evangelism: The _____

- A. The mercy of God (4:1)

*Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.*

*Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.*

*Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.*

*Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.*

—“Thy Mercy My God” by John Stocker

B. The glory of God (4:15)

“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. “Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white-hot enjoyment of God's glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God.” –John Piper

C. The fear of the Lord (5:11)

D. Love for people (6:11-13)

E. The love of Christ (5:14)

“The gospel is not just a mechanism for getting people saved. It is the announcement of a love that has changed the world, a love that therefore takes the people who find themselves loved like this and sends them off to live and work in a totally new way. The energy to get up and go on as a Christian, as one who shares the gospel, therefore, comes not from a cold sense of duty, not from fear of being punished if you don’t do your bit, but from the warm-hearted response of love to the love which has reached out, reached down, and reached you.” –N.T. Wright

III/ Evangelism: The _____

A. Freedom from a self-centered existence (5:15)

B. The new creation (4:4,6; 5:16-17)

“The evil one is not particularly concerned when we talk about religion, or even Christianity, but he is disturbed when we proclaim the Lord Jesus and his unique glory as the image of God.” –Derek Prime

C. The message of reconciliation (5:18-21)

IV/ Evangelism: The _____

- A. No cars salesmen (4:2)

- B. No celebrities (4:5; 5:12-13)

- C. The J-curve (4:7-12)

- D. Christian character (6:3-10)

- E. In the world but not of the world (6:14–7:1)

“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.” —Brennan Manning