

Obedient To The Vision

Isaiah 6

(9) He said, “Go and tell this people: “ ‘Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

(10) Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes.

Acts 26

(2) “King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense

Acts 26

(9) “I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. (10) And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord’s people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

Acts 26

(12) “*On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus ... as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions.*

Acts 26

(14) *We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? (15) “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ “ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied.*

Acts 26

I am sending you to them (18) to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ (19) “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

Preaching the gospel is the most loving thing we can ever do because truth is the only path to God who forgives sin and grants sinners a place at His table.

2 Corinthians 10

(4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.

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We don't want people to just come to this building for a few minutes on Sunday. We want them to change residences, from the kingdom of the world to the kingdom of God.

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Mark 5

(1) They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. (2)When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

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- (3) *This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. . . .*
- (5) *Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.*

Mark 5

(6) *When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.* (7) *He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!”* (8) *For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”*

Mark 5

(9) *Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”*

Luke 8

(35) the people went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind;

That's what love does; it walks into the domain of darkness with the light of Christ - knowing there will be resistance - but knowing it's worth it when lives are saved from the grip of evil.

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(7) He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?

John 17

(18) As the Father sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

Acts 10

(38) God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.



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Barmen Declaration

Scripture

Thesis (how we apply this)

What we must reject because of this

Barmen Declaration #3

Ephesians 4:15,16

As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to
testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its
faith and with its obedience,...

Barmen Declaration #3

Ephesians 4:15,16

We reject the false doctrine that the church is permitted to relinquish its teaching because of changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

2 Timothy 4

(7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (8) Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

1 Timothy 2

(1) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—(2) for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2

(3) *This is good, and pleases God our Savior,*
(4) who wants all people to be saved and to come
to a knowledge of the truth.