

God's Big Picture

An overview of the Bible in eight weeks

Part 7: The Proclaimed Kingdom

Introduction

Matt 12:28; 25:34

Matt 13:31-32

The Last Days

2 Tim 3:1

Matt 25:13

Matt 25:31

The Reason for the Delay

2 Pet 3:3-4 + 3:8-9

Luk 24:46-49

Acts 1:7-8,11

Matt 24:14

The Sending of the Spirit

Acts 2:1-12 vs Gen 11 (Tower of Babel)

Acts 2:17 – Prophecy of Joel

We are to proclaim the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit

The work of the Spirit

1. New Birth

John 3:3-5 (John 16:7-11)

1 Thess 1:4-5

1 Pet 1:23

2. Equips us to serve Christ

Acts 4:8 – Proclamation to the world

1 Cor 12:12 etc – Edification/Building up of the church

3. Produces Holiness

Past: Ef 2:8 - Penalty

Present: Rom 8:13 - Power

Future: 1 Cor 3:15/ 1 Tim 2:15 - Presence

Rom 8:9

Christian Experience

Joy vs Trials

1 Pet 1:8-9 vs v6

Trials

Rom 8:23 - Foretaste

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

4:1-6

What can we learn from Paul's example in evangelism?

What makes the job difficult?

What encouragements are we given?

4:7-12

What is 'this treasure'?

In what sense are we 'jars of clay'?

How do verses 8-9 reflect your experience in evangelism?

Why has God allowed us to be weak?

What encouragements are we given in our weakness?

4:13-18

What is our hope?

What difference should that make to us now?

Summary

How has God challenged you through its passage?

What can you do to try to put its message into practice?

The Proclaimed Kingdom

God's people 1 Pet 2:9/Rom 2:28	God's place 1 Cor 6:19 + Eph 2:20 - 21	God's rule and blessing Rom 7:6