

Jesus is the personification of God's grace.

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17

1) Gospel motivated ministry requires personal involvement (Rom 1:11)

The gospel stirred Paul to seek people personally, to become personally involved in their lives. He begged God to give him the opportunity to go to Rome.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:" (1 Peter 4:10)

When we are personally involved in ministry to someone you both will be mutually encouraged by the other's faith. (Rom 1:12)

"that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

2) Gospel motivated ministry requires transparency (Rom 3:23; 7:14-15)

Paul realized he didn't have the inside track on perfection. He knew his past. He also knew his present.

#3) Gospel motivated ministry requires accountability

(Rom 14:12; Eph 5:21; Heb 13:17)

Don't become a spiritual hitchhiker. Every believer should be in a covenant relationship with a local church – accountable to others for how they are living out obedience of faith.

#4) Expect a harvest (Rom 1:13; Phil 1:17; Gal 5:22-23)

When the seeds of God's grace are planted in our life and we fulfill the obedience of faith (allowing Jesus to live through us – obeying Him) we will reap a harvest of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our life.

When our lives have been transformed by the gospel we are obligated (indebted) to proclaim the gospel to all people strengthening their faith through the example of Godly living, prayer, and mutual encouragement through serving.

Next week: Compelled by the Gospel, Pt 4: Gospel motivated obligation. (Rom 1:14-15)