

## “Good News”

2 Corinthians 5:1-21  
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“If there’s anything in life that we should be passionate about, it’s the gospel. And I don’t mean passionate only about sharing it with others. I mean passionate in thinking about it, dwelling on it, rejoicing in it, allowing it to color the way we look at the world. Only one thing can be of first importance to each of us. And only the gospel ought to be.”

C.J. Mahaney, *The Cross Centered Life*,  
Multnomah Publishers Inc., Sisters, OR, 2002, pp. 20-21.

### **We should be passionate about the Gospel because we can move from...**

1. Guilt to righteousness.  
(2 Corinthians 5:21)
  
2. Boredom to having purpose.  
(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
  
3. Being stuck to transformation.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

#### QUOTE 1

“Speaking of this darkest moment in all of time, 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, ‘For our sake he [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin.’ The great Protestant Reformer Martin Luther rightly declares that at that moment Jesus became the most grotesque, ugly, and hideous thing in the history of all creation. In what Luther calls ‘the great exchange,’ the sinless Jesus so thoroughly took our place that he became the worst of what we are—rapists, thieves, perverts, addicts, liars, gluttons, gossips, murderers, adulterers, fornicators, homosexuals, and idolaters. Importantly, Jesus’ work on the cross was not just a bookkeeping transaction in the divine economy. Jesus actually took to himself our sin with all its horror and shame (Hebrews 12:2-3).”

Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears, *Death by Love*,  
Crossway Books, Wheaton, IL, 2008, p. 27.

#### QUOTE 2

“When you put your faith in Jesus, God the judge, hands down the verdict that you are righteous. He transfers the perfect, sinless record of Jesus to you. This is amazing grace at it’s most amazing. In the moment you first believed, your past sin didn’t cease to exist. You hadn’t done any good work that could somehow make up for your disobedience. Yet God completely and totally forgave you. He not only wiped the record of your sin away, he credited the righteousness of His Son to you.”

C.J. Mahaney, *The Cross Centered Life*,  
Multnomah Publishers Inc., Sisters, OR, 2002, pp. 30-31.

#### QUOTE 3

“As a result of Christ’s death, not only does Christ take on our sin, but we also take on his righteousness...in Jesus you can become a new man with a new life complete with new desires and a new power, all given to you through your reconciled relationship with God, made possible through Jesus’ death for your sins and his resurrection for your new life.”

Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears, *Death by Love*,  
Crossway Books, Wheaton, IL, 2008, pp. 226-227.