

Seeing Jesus - Seeing God
2 Cor. 4:6

Moses asked God if he could see His glory when he was at Sinai. God told him that He would pass in front of him and expose "all of His goodness" but for Moses to see his face and live was not possible. God's "glory" has to do with His face I believe. We don't look at arms and legs and torso to see a person's glory, it is in the face.

We speak of "saving face," which is another way of preserving our glory as individuals. We can think of it as pride. When a man loses face he loses confidence, hope, and a sense of identity. One of the things I have learned in recent studies in negotiation and conflict resolution is that in "principled negotiation," that is negotiation that is not about my position vs. your position, principled negotiators want their competitors to "save face" in the process. It's the difference in win-win and win-lose negotiation.

God said to Moses that he could see His back but not his face. Just seeing the goodness of God was too much glory for most people and even a reflection of the back of God lit up Moses' face so that he put a veil on his face as he descended the mountain. I believe it was for a combination of two reasons. Moses face shone with the glory of God and it would have been too much for the people to see so Moses had to veil the glory (which was only a reflection of the true glory of God) as he descended the mountain. As he came nearer to the people the glory had faded, symbolic of the fading of the Old Covenant and the coming of the new.

Paul gives us a verse I have only recently come across which means that it has only recently impacted my heart. The Apostle said, *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God IN THE FACE OF CHRIST* (2 Cor. 4:6). Here we have the reality of what Moses endured up on the mountain. God's glory would later be revealed in Christ Jesus. All of the fire, the clouds, the voice, and love of God would be actually seen in Jesus Christ.

What does this mean to us? What lessons should we learn from this? Let me give you three things to think about:

1. God's glory was upon Jesus. When men beheld the face of Christ, they were never the same. It was always a watershed event. Reread the gospels and see the reaction of those who beheld Him. It changed their lives forever. Why did the 12 follow Him immediately? They saw the reflection of God. It was undeniable.
2. Paul prayed for the eyes of our hearts to be opened to this glory (Eph. 1:18).
3. Each of us must go back and study Jesus. Jesus is our BLUEPRINT of the body of Christ. Learn of Him (Mt. 11:28). Imitate Him (1 Cor. 11:1) in all your interactions with people. See God through Christ. Look into the face of Christ as you read about Him. Let the Word show the glory of God in Christ. yc

PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Daniel Howell's family. Daniel passed away last week in an accident.
- ♥ Donnie Price may have prostate cancer.
- ♥ Joy Courtney, Yale & Betsy's friend, has cancer.
- ♥ Ann Mobley is back in the hospital.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Betsy Canfield, Howard Farrar, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Beverly Hufstetler, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Joe Saia, and Mart Salley.

THANK YOU

We have received a Thank You card from Debbie McMillen. It is posted on the bulletin board.

CRAFTER'S MEETING

Joy Wells is opening her home to anyone who would like to come and be a part of a crafting prayer quilts on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Don't know what this is about, show up and find out if this is something you would like to be a part of. Have questions? Give Joy a call, she would love to hear from you and answer your questions about the Prayer Quilts. Come by and give it a try.

WORSHIP WITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We have been invited to join the Community Christian Church on El Dorado Street for their evening worship on Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m. This worship will serve as our Life Group Gathering for the month of September. Watch for more information as the date draws nearer.

SINGING

There will be a singing at the Clinton Church of Christ on Saturday, September 29. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue until 8:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.

CROSSGATES NURSING HOME DEVO.

Please remember those in the Crossgates Nursing home. They are so uplifted by the devotionals, singing and prayer that are offered to God in their presence. Our next visit will be Sunday, September 16 at 2:00. Please come and let them know how much they are cared for.

BULLETIN BOARD

There is a poster on the bulletin board advertising that Casting Crown will be performing at the Coliseum on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00. cost is \$22-\$26. If we can get a group of 15+ tickets will cost \$17 and we can get a free ticket. Deadline to sign up for group price will be October 17. Check out the poster for more details.

SENIOR MEMO

The Senior Events Director of Pearl and the Pearl Police Department are getting together a SALT (Senior and Law Enforcement Together) Program. This program will enable seniors to stay up-to-date on all of the scams and other corrupt individuals. They would like 2 representatives from each Senior Adult Group in Pearl to participate in their meeting on Thursday, September 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Pearl Community Center. To get more information, see the letter posted on the bulletin board.

FREE SEMINAR

A free seminar, Code Blue Rally, will be coming to Jackson on Saturday, October 20. This seminar discusses the world view of the world and that of those in the church. Take a look at their website to get more information. <http://codebluerally.Com/info.php>

PANTRY

The pantry is looking better. Thanks to all of you who have dropped off needed items or have donated money. Please remember to help keep it stocked with nourishing foods year around. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Contact Tim Nelson if unable to serve at 601-853-3704.

9/2/07

Greeters Rogers Life Group
Song Leader Tim Nelson
Call to Worship Ken Salley
Prayer Dusty Reynolds
Presiding Jim Head
Closing Prayer Allen McDaniel

Serving

LaRan Kilpatrick	Allen Rogers
Terry Claunch	Mike Babin
Alvin McMillen	Rocky Barnette

Evening Worship Life Groups
Nursery Becky Turner
Children's Worship Canceled

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Greeters McManaway Life Group
Song Leader Tim Farrar
Call to Worship Alvin McMillen
Prayer Rocky Barnette
Presiding David Blevins
Closing Prayer Lonnie Livingston

Serving

Jeremy Beardain	Todd Lott
Dusty Reynolds	Ryan Hamrick
Jeff Sweeney	Bryan Farrar

Evening Worship..Community Church
Nursery Earlene McMillen
Children's Worship TBA

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Sept. 2- Prov. 1-2; 1 Cor. 12
Sept. 3 - Prov. 3-4; 1 Cor. 13
Sept. 4- Prov. 5-6; 1 Cor. 14:1-20
Sept. 5- Prov. 7-8; 1 Cor. 14:21-40
Sept. 6- Prov. 9-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-32
Sept. 7- Prov. 11-12; 1 Cor. 15:33-58
Sept. 8- Prov. 13-14; 1 Cor. 16

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 6 - SALT Meeting
September 9 - Worship with
Community Church
September 15 - Crafter's Meeting
September 16 - Crossgates Nursing
Home Devo.
September 29 - Singing at Clinton
Church of Christ

LIFE GROUPS		
Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Pearl	Building	David Blevins
		Lonnie Livingston
Florence/Star	Rotated	Yale Canfield
		Allen McDaniel
Brandon	Sweeney Home	Jeff Sweeney
		Tim Farrar
Reservoir	Rogers Home	Jim Head
		Allen Rogers
Teens	Varies	Ken Salley

Mission Statement for Heart Matters
 To enhance the mission of the Skyway Hills church of Christ and to build a sense of community among the members of the body of Christ through an accurate and quality communication of 1) ministries and activities of the church 2) the opportunities for each member to find fulfillment as disciples of Jesus and 3) the scriptural application of God's Word to life relevant issues today.

YOUTH
 (6th - 12th grades)

YAKS
 (K-5th grades)

Heart matters

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Schedule of Service
 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

*"Since then,
 you have
 been raised
 with
 Christ,
 set your
 hearts
 on things
 above."
 Colossians 3:1*

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September 2, 2007



Heartbeat

You are a church who manifests the love of Jesus.

Some churches measure their status in the "brotherhood" by measurable criteria like the secular business world. After the Lord allowed persecution in Jerusalem to break the mega church into pieces, the church saw its greatest growth ever. There were some "hub" churches like Antioch from which great missions went forth. It was not until Constantine made Christianity the "State Religion" that large churches were formed with their monstrous buildings and fat treasuries. The intention of God was frustrated for years.

Church growth is normal. Not only should our church grow but it must. But growth happens when Jesus' love for us creates an impetus in our personal lives to reach out to neighbors, friends, and school and work mates with that love.

I have seen the love of Jesus in your lives and your love for Betsy and I first hand and "up close." Thank you so much. I am only motivated to give you the best years of ministry.

I must tell you that through the work of Donna Mabus and Marcia Oden (Meadowbrook church) Betsy has enough days given by fellow Rankin County teachers to take her into the second semester without missing a paycheck or insurance. Surely by God's grace, we will have had the transplant and Betsy will be gaining strength within that time frame. Donna and Marcia worked in tandem to accomplish this. Betsy's school at Richland Elementary gave her 50 days! Marci's school gave her 35 days! This is just amazing! Don't ever think God's grace is limited!! This combined with the financial gifts to the church for Betsy from your efforts and that of other churches has been so extravagant - we are just amazed! Thank you.

Let me encourage you to attend the September 9th Sunday evening service at the Community Christian Church where Ben Peterman preaches. It is one thing to "say" we are brethren and another thing to demonstrate it. I know in my heart that God will bless us uniquely as we reach out to brothers and sisters in Christ who are saved by the grace of God just as we are. (See Acts 15 and see what *really* determines our brotherhood. Then pray that God will help you see the wisdom in this powerful chapter - then act in accordance with your conscience - whatever it will be - whether you attend or not - it will be ok).

- Deacons**
- David Blevins, Education
 - Tim Nelson, Calls/Visitor/Greeters
 - Jim Head, Life Groups
 - Allen Rogers, YAKS