

November 19, 2017
Sermon Notes
2 Corinthians 4:13-18

1 Peter 3:15 ESV

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Ours is a counter cultural hope because we have:

1. A different perspective
2. A different purpose
3. A different savior

Matthew 6:19-20 ESV

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Perspective: a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view

Paul's attitude: my difficulties haven't defeated me

1 Corinthians 10:33 NLT

33 I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

"I have had few difficulties, many friends, great successes; I have gone from wife to wife, from house to house, visited great countries of the world, but I am fed up with inventing devices to fill up twenty-four hours of the day."

Ralph Barton

The glory of God, and, as our only means to glorifying Him, the salvation of human souls, is the real business of life.

C.S. Lewis

Jeremiah 2:11-13 ESV

11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, 13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

I am preoccupied with _____.

If only _____, then I would be happy.

I get my sense of significance from _____.

I would protect and preserve _____ at any cost.

I fear losing _____.

The thing that gives me the greatest pleasure is _____.

When I lose _____ I get angry, resentful, frustrated, anxious, or depressed.

For me, life depends on _____.

The thing that makes me want to get out of bed in the morning is _____.

Romans 1:16 ESV

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.