

Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY The Glory of Christ as our Only Treasure

INTRODUCTION

2 Corinthians 4:2

We cannot treat God as currency to get what we want.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: (John 4:1-15)

1. THE CULTURAL CONTEXT (John 4:1-6)

2. THE CULTURAL CONFLICT (John 4:7-9)

3. THE COMPASSIONATE OFFER (John 4:10-14)

"but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."" (John 4:14, ESV)

Numbers 24:5-7

4. THE COMPLICATED ACCEPTANCE (John 4:15)

APPLICATION

"Do we love the bread more than the Bread of Life"? "Do we love the water more than the Fountain?"

The good news of salvation is that you get Jesus.

The good news of the Gospel is that you get God.

Inspired writers have carried this same passion.

- "And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." (Matthew 22:37–38, ESV)
- "One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house
 of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in
 his temple." (Psalm 27:4, ESV)
- "The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot." (Psalm 16:5, ESV)
- "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God." (Psalm 42:1, ESV)
- "I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better." (Philippians 1:23, ESV)

What does it look like to love Christ more than His gifts? (<u>Daniel 3:16–18; Habakkuk</u> 3:17–18; <u>Philippians 3:8</u>; etc.)

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