

THINKING ABOUT PROCLAMATION

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What are the goals, values, and focus presented in this passage?

- Christ is a focus
- Goal of completion in Christ
- Warning because serious consequences for wrong focus/value/goals
- Process of growth, each is included
- It is intentional

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What are the goals, values, and focus presented in this passage?

- More knowledge of God
- You can be chosen of God
- There is escape from corruption through Him
- It's all encompassing

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Goals, values, and focus found in Colossians 1:28 and II Peter 1:2-4

- **Treasured Focus:** God and Jesus Christ
- **Goals:** Proclaiming Christ as the means to a restored relationship with God; knowing God so that we may know
- **Values:** knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord, Power of God as source of provision for everything needed for life and godliness; grace and peace from God; chosen by God for His possession, God's trustworthy word whereby we can share in the divine nature

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- What my conversations center around, what other people want to talk to me about
- Watch what unsettles you – keeps you from continuing
- What are you proclaiming?
- What do you want others to say you proclaim
 - *Should want to proclaim hope from corruption of world through Christ
- Actions show something about your expectations/hopes/treasures – opportunity to compare with the same from the Gospel

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We proclaim what we value. How/where/when do we proclaim our values? (think how this works for different personalities)

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Can you think of what distracts and complicates from proclaiming Christ? (alternate focuses, perhaps necessary and valuable, but take away from the focus, mission, and provision found in these passages and Scripture as a whole)

- Fear of being different/not conforming - Col. 3:12
- Fear of ignorance – living it out wrong or not having a good answer
- By thinking that only large acts of service or in the best answers
- Not being intentional
- Looking for what will answer/fulfill our misguided focus, values
- Whatever fills our mind that keeps from allowing us to meditate on Gospel sufficiency or proclamation

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Lack of clear mission makes every little thing larger than it should be.

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How is the gospel relevant to increased war, conflict, and death?

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What keeps the gospel from being the only gospel, a necessity, in the face of war, conflict, and death?

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Can you think of provisions God has given that would lead to a clearer proclamation of Christ through each of our lives?

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Can you think of little pieces that are part of heading toward a clearer proclamation of Christ that tend to get overlooked as true biblical change because of our present feelings or desire for a final product?

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“This characteristic [church is apostolic] answers the question, What does the church say to accomplish God’s mission? In one word: Scripture—all of it from the Old Testament to the New Testament, from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. The church speaks the King’s Word to the King’s people in the King’s world for the King’s glory and the King’s mission. The King builds his church on the words written by his Son’s Spirit-led and faith-filled followers—men known as the Death Killer’s apostles.” “Their words—led by the Spirit and centered on the Son—are the voice of the true church. So as the church finds its life and breath in all of God’s Words in all of the Bible, the church lives and breathes because the apostles proclaimed all of these Words to all the world. This is why the good news of Christ forms the center of the church—because the good news of Christ is what all of Scripture is pointing us to.” Emblems of the Infinite King p. 149