

II Corinthians 4:1-6

“We Proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord”



Key Players:

- Paul, believers v.1
- Everyman v.2
- The god of this world v.4
- The unbelieving v.4
- Jesus Christ *the* Lord v.5
- God *who said...* v.6



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“... it would be hard to describe the Christian ministry more comprehensively and in so few words.”

C.K. Barrett



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- God...
 - By mercy has given this ministry

-Has shone in our hearts



When we forget God's role we are in jeopardy of – *either...*

-Losing heart

-Applying underhanded practices

-Adulterating the word of God

We proclaim the gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ!



“The term has recently been translated as ‘good news.’ That sounds attractive, but it falls far short of the order of magnitude of what is actually meant by the word *evangelion*. This term figures in the vocabulary of the Roman emperors, who understood themselves as lords, saviors, and redeemers of the world... The idea was that what comes from the emperor is a saving message, that it is not just a piece of news, but a change of the world for the better.”
Joseph Ratzinger



Time to study the essence of gospel?

Romans 1:16-3:20 the ruin of man

Romans 3:21-5:21 the reconciliation of man

Romans 6:1-8:39 the resurrection* of man

OR more concisely:

Ephesians 2:1-10



For many this Gospel may be ironical when they hear it (cf. Acts 17:32). But it is real joy; for penitence brings joy, and judgment grace and salvation. Caesar and Christ, the emperor on the throne and the despised rabbi on the cross, confront one another. Both are evangel to men. They have much in common. But they belong to different worlds.

Gerhard Friedrich / TDNT



Being against gay marriage and being rhetorically pro-life will not make up for the fact that massive majorities of Evangelicals can't articulate the Gospel with any coherence. *We fell for the trap of believing in a cause more than a faith.*

Michael Spencer – *The Coming Evangelical Collapse*



How do we proclaim him as Lord to a culture almost completely ignorant of Lordship?

How do we know and experience him as Lord when we live in a world ruled by ideas and ideals?

We must keep clear the distinction between my knowing him as Lord and the fact that He is Lord!

However, my proclaiming him as Lord is certainly entwined in my knowing him as Lord.