

I Love the Gospel

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Summary

Seeing the beauty of God in the gospel leads me to deep repentance, refreshed wonder, and heartfelt love.

God, the Joyful Creator

“...God created the heavens and the earth... And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” (Genesis 1:1, 31a)

Our Sin

Sin is not just breaking a rule—it’s rejecting God himself.

1) Sin is subtle

2) Sin is deadly

3) Sin is ugly

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Application

1) Recognize your heart’s need to be melted and moved by the beauty of God in the gospel.

Not there? Help, God!

2) Put yourself places where you can grasp the goodness of the gospel (e.g., gospel preaching, your Bible, fellowship with others who are hungry for the gospel).

3) Recognize how quickly your heart shifts away from finding security and happiness in God to prizing and pursuing not-God. Run back to God!

4) Rest in your identity as a forgiven rebel, now a beloved child.