

Grace Unraveled
Glory in Grace
2 Corinthians 10:7-18

Our society prides itself on being a people of accomplishment. We enjoy the privilege of belonging to the most prosperous nation in the world. We like to think of ourselves as first among the nations in areas such as economics, military strength, freedom, education, athletics, and more. We glory and revel in these successes.

1. Human nature judges _____
 - A. We need to see with Jesus' _____
 - B. We need to speak with Jesus' _____
2. Spiritual comparison by worldly standards is _____
 - A. Jesus defines our _____ of _____
 - B. Jesus defines the _____ of the _____
 - C. Jesus defines the _____ of _____

The gospel reminds us that our only standard of righteousness is the righteousness of Christ. Comparing ourselves to others leads to frustration and depression or pride and smugness. By grace, God offers the gospel to us so that we might be changed on the inside. Our tendency will always be to look at the outside, but Jesus looks at the heart.

Reflection

Read all of 2 Corinthians 10. How are worldly thoughts impacting your ability to serve the kingdom? Think about the people of influence throughout your years in church. Who is your favorite and on what basis? Given what Paul has said, is that even a fair question? What about the others? Did they do things you liked or disliked? Do you tend to think of pastors as paid employees called to satisfy you or are they ministers of a gospel that has more than just your expectations in mind? On what basis should we hold our leaders accountable?