

Arm Yourselves with the Mind of Christ, Part 4 (1 Peter 4:6)  
GCC, 1/13/19, Morning Worship

Introduction

1. What does the Law of God say?
  2. What does the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ say?
  3. Why was the Gospel preached? So that it may be used.
  4. Three final elements in the use of the mind of Christ  
*All of these elements will answer the question Why was the gospel preached and how is it to be used?*
- I. The Gospel is to be used on the day of judgment to give an account to the one who stands ready to Judge
- II. The Gospel is to be used as a comfort in death
- A. Who are the “dead” to whom the gospel was preached?
    1. By “dead,” he does not mean Spiritually dead
    2. By “dead,” he does not mean those who died without believing in Christ and are therefore given a second chance after death (Heb 9:27)
    3. By “dead,” he does not mean those who died before Christ’s coming
    4. By “dead,” he means those who had heard the gospel, believed, and then died. The NIV translates it this way, “to those who are *now* dead.”
  - B. The Purpose of the Gospel
    1. The preaching of the gospel was never meant to save us from physical death but from eternal death (cf 1 Thess 4:13–18)
- III. The Gospel is to be used daily in life as a recalibration to true North
- A. What is foremost in your mind as you think about the promise of the gospel in your life now? Comfort or a Cross?
  - B. Do you judge the efficacy and beauty of the gospel by the success, comfort, and well-being of your life now? (cf. 1 Peter 4:12–13)
  - C. Judging the efficacy of the gospel by what happens to you in this life is like taking a brand-new car back to the dealership because it sunk when you tried to drive it through a lake.
  - D. Baptism is a crucifixion to the world
  - E. Call to the Unconverted