

**Sermon Text: Titus 3:3-8**

**Our Vision as Charis Community Church** – To *BE* a church who reveals the whole *gospel* to the whole *person* for the sake of the whole *world*.

Four convictions we have that this vision comes out of...

**(1)The Gospel is the main subject of the Bible.**

- The Bible is one story, with the good news of Jesus Christ (the Gospel) being the center-piece and main subject of the entire story. **John 5:39,40; Luke 24:25-27,44**

**(2)The Gospel makes us right with God through Jesus; the Gospel makes us like God through Jesus.**

- In the Gospel we find ALL we need to *understand, believe, and respond to*, in order to come to God AND to become like Him. In other words, we come to God through the Gospel, and we grow and become more like God as we understand, believe, and apply the Gospel to our lives daily. **Romans 5:1; Eph. 2:1-10; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:18.**

**(3)The Gospel speaks and applies to all things in our lives.**

- Our failure to live for God is fundamentally a problem of comprehending and believing the Gospel. Our failure to love others, our anxiety, our selfishness, our pride, our greed – all of this is the fruit of not comprehending and believing the Gospel deeply. The truth of the Gospel is that we are helpless sinners, incapable of saving ourselves, but that God is good, loved us and died for us, has risen and is living in us, has promised us eternal life, has made us His children, has accepted us permanently, is ruling over us as our King, and is in control of all circumstances. Where these truths are understood and believed, they shape every thought, emotion, word, activity, and view of the world we have. So our struggle with sin and our struggle with circumstances are fundamentally a struggle to believe the Gospel. **Galatians 2:11-14; 1 John 5:4,5**

**(4)The Gospel defines who we are and how we live as the Church**

- Our vision comes from the conviction that the church is not primarily an organization that has lots of programs and services centered around a building, but is a people centered around *God, His Word, and His mission*. **1 Peter 2:9-10; John 13:34-35; John 17:14-26**