

# Gospel Reflections | October 2012

10-7-12

“Through the gospel we learn that our comfort is not our god. Instead our comfort comes from the work of Christ. We are comforted based upon the work of Christ where he was made uncomfortable for us. He suffered, died and was buried for us. He wore the crown of thorns so that we could be comforted with the crown of righteousness. He drank the miserable cup of wrath so that we could drink the cup of blessing. He bore God’s frown so that we could receive God’s eternal smile ([Matt. 27.46](#); [Rom. 8.32](#)).”

-Erik Raymond

10-14-12

“Unity is a relational good we are called to maintain where true spiritual unity is already present. Having just finished explaining how the mystery of the gospel brings together Jews and Gentiles, Paul exhorts the Ephesians to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (v. 3). The assumption is that the Jews and Gentiles in Ephesus already share the most important things in common. The goal now is to be patient with each other and bear with one another in love (v. 2). The call to unity is the summons to show in relational practice what is already true in spiritual reality.”

-Kevin DeYoung

**10-21-12**

“The gospel is not less than an understanding of biblical truths and principles, but it is infinitely more. The essence of salvation is knowing a Person ([John 17:3](#)). As with knowing any person, there is repenting and weeping and rejoicing and encountering. The gospel calls us to a wildly passionate, intimate love relationship with Jesus Christ, and it calls that “the core of true salvation.”

-Tim Keller

**10-28-12**

“Only in knowing Jesus can we be fully authentic. Only when we are loved as we are, are we then freed up to love others without hiding behind a status update or the best version of ourselves on Instagram. Only Christ’s gospel can cure the hopelessness and aimlessness because, when you know who you are in Christ, you know what to do—and no resurgent love for a time period or active lifestyle can deliver that.”

- Nick Bogardus