

Title: The Gospel, Authority & Love (Part 2)

Passage: Genesis 1:26-2:15

Series: Marks of a Healthy Church

Key Terms

Glory the manifestation of the character, presence and power of God

Glorify displaying the reality of who God is through every part of life

Authority the right to exercise power to accomplish a specific task or purpose

Main Point: Authority grounded in true love creates life by directing people to glorify God

Understanding the Passage

- Human authority was given to reflect God's authority in bringing life (1:26-28; 2:15)
- Human authority was placed within the boundaries of God's authority (1:26-29; 2:8; 15-17)
- Life under God's authority was delight & blessing (2:9-14)
- God's authority creates & preserves life through commands & laws (1:28-29; 2:8, 15-17)

Sermon Points

1. Authority & submission are the expressions of true love (*Jn. 12:28; 14:15; 1 Jn. 5:3*)
 - Authority is love at work to reflect God by directing others to glorify Him
 - Submission is love giving itself to reflect God's glory through obedience
2. Rejecting God's authority turns humanity authority to self-love resulting in death
 - *Gn. 3:4-24*
3. Jesus' submission to God restores human authority to bring life in love
 - *Matt. 4:8-10, 23-25; 7:28-29; 8:27-32; 9:35; 28:18-20*
 - *Eph. 5:21*