

Satan Veils God's Glory

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Our current moment in the church calendar:

Following Advent, the church celebrates Epiphany proper on January 6, followed by several weeks focusing on different moments in the life of Jesus. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Christ and proclaims his presence to all. The Light of the world has come into the world to lighten up the darkness.

Satan is hard at work attempting to veil the message of salvation in Jesus, the radiance and exact imprint of God (Hebrews 1:3), and our responsibility is to partner with the Holy Spirit in removing that veil.

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. -2 Corinthians 4:3-6

"...to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God" -Acts 26:18

*To explore some of the strategies of how Satan works to keep people from God, see "A Handbook of Enemy Strategies" by John Piper

What do I do if I, or a friend of mine, hasn't yet been given "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"?

1. Pray

That their (my) eyes might be enlightened to the hope found in Jesus. (Ephesians 1:18-19a)

Pray that they (I) might pause and pay attention to Scripture truths. (Acts 16:14)

Pray that God would send winsome witnesses of Christ their (my) way. (Matthew 9:37-38)

2. Always be alert to opportunities, and ready to share the reason for your hope (1 Peter 3:15).

What's coming up?

*Southside Missional Prayer Night - Shreve
Wednesday, February 21, 7:00-8:00pm*

*Discipleship Pod Enrichment Night.
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30-8:30pm*