SALVATION comes to us from HIM: [GOD]; because we are, as men, incapable of knowing HIM, and because we have no right to claim anything from HIM...

But for the GRACE OF GOD: I have not the right to take another breath!

In GOD'S sight...All 'human-rights' are rag-rights!

Grace means a turning, not of equality, but in condescension...

The fact that GOD is gracious means that HE condescends.

HE is, the only ONE who is really in a position to condescend, because HE alone is truly transcendant, and stands on an equality with nothing outside of Himself.

Grace is a being and action of GOD upon which no one and nothing has any claim to fame.

We see---The governing motif of Paul's preaching is the saving activity of God in the Advent-Incarnation...The Work, particularly in the death and resurrection of the Christ. His present session; PRIEST!

This activity is the fulfillment of the WORK OF GOD in the history of the Nation of Israel... *"my people."* The fulfillment therefore also of Scripture... In the outpouring of the Holy Spirit...

Also---It reaches out to the ultimate consummation of the PAROUSIA-APOKALUPSIS and the manifestation of THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

This is the great redemptive-salvation-historical framework within which the whole of Paul's preaching must be understood...

Here is the "already" and the "Not yet!" A CONTINUUM.

We warn you now---THE GOSPEL OF GOD is NOT one thing in the midst of other things in our modern "church world"...

THE GOSPEL is the WORD OF GOD...The Primal Origin of all things, the WORD which, since it is ever new; has come, IS coming---And must be received with renewed fear and trembling in personal crisis!

Spiritual Perception is: A life-long receiving experience...<u>TRUTH has left most of us in the dust</u>!

No Interpreter is rid of the danger of adding more than we extract.

So---We declare, preach, expound in the vigour of ignorance; and, the arrogance of scepticism. How influential has been, is the Pulpit to a mis-understanding of the WORD!

For modern word-pictures of Paul seem to me...simply incredible.

For Paul beholds at the CROSS-ROAD the figure of Jesus Christ, LORD!

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