

We Would See Jesus

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"For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)

From 2010-2016, our church in Indianapolis (Burge Terrace) hosted the 3G Youth Conference, standing for God's *glory, gospel, and grace*. Each year we themed the youth conference on one of the "G's" as we sought to make much of Christ. Our seventh and final conference (2016) departed from the norm and highlighted all three. Jesus is the perfection of God's glory, gospel, and grace.

While reading a book on worship one night, I was awed by the reality that the glory of God was seen most clearly in the face, or person, of Jesus Christ. In other words, the study of Jesus reveals the great glory of God. This is the theme of "We Would See Jesus."

Stanza 1 speaks of His incarnation and ministry among sinners. I incorporated some of Simeon's prayer to God as he held the infant Christ. And then turned the spotlight on Jesus' ministry of compassion as our humble servant.

Stanza 2 brings the images of the crucifixion and of Jesus being the go-between, or mediator, for God and man. There at the cross, God's justice and mercy embraced in Christ.

Stanza 3 points Christians to our daily experience of viewing the risen Christ through Scripture. According to 2 Corinthians 3:18, such a study of Christ changes us more into His image. He will return triumphant, and for all eternity we will praise Him!

I am thankful to James for tackling this project with me, especially with the deadline of the conference looming. I waited a bit too long in giving it to him, but he worked wonders!