

Message Five—Study Questions

1. Which verses show us that Christ is the image of God? What does it mean that Christ is the image of God? How do we see that Christ is the image of God in the four Gospels?
2. In the phrase *the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God* in 2 Corinthians 4:4, what does it mean that these six terms—*God, image, Christ, glory, gospel* and *illumination*—are all in apposition to one another and refer to the same wonderful person?
3. How can we say that *this treasure* in 2 Corinthians 4:7 refers to the face of Jesus Christ? Share your experience of *the treasure of His face* and why it is so important for us to have such an experience.
4. From the example of the life of Paul in 2 Corinthians, show how in our Christian life the treasure becomes increasingly manifest but the earthen vessel is still the earthen vessel. Share a personal experience of this.