

## Counseling the Gospel to a Hurting World

### *An Introduction to Biblical Counseling*

*2 Cor. 3:18* –And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

*Rom. 15:14* –I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to **instruct** one another.

*Gal. 6:2* - **Bear** one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

*Ps. 1:1-2* –Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

*1 John 1:9* –If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Matt. 18:21-22* –Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I **forgive** him? As many as seven times? ”Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

*Job 42:5* –I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

- Becoming like Christ is the goal of any and all counseling to the glory of God.
- Beholding the glory of God is the only way people really change. 2 Cor. 3:18
- All believers can & should counsel; first themselves, then those of the church, in order to effectively counsel those of the world. Ezra 7:10, Gal. 6:10 & Matt. 28:18-20
- Counseling is simply worldview persuasion.

### Practical Application

- **Category #1:** The counselee has sinned.
- The Counseling Solution: Confession & Repentance of sin. 1 John 1:9
- **Category #2:** The counselee is the victim of someone else's sin.
- The Counseling Solution: Forgiveness. Matt. 18:15-35
- **Category #3:** Experiencing the effects of the Fall in a Genesis 3 world.
- The Counseling Solution: Trust in the Sovereignty of God. Job 42:1-6