

Message Summary

1. Angel faces are gospel advancing disciple-makers.
2. Angel faces solve problems humbly and constructively.
3. Angel faces joyfully and devotedly play their role in the advancement of God's kingdom and in service to God's church.
4. Angel faces are Spirit-filled, and are therefore, full of grace, faith, wisdom, and power.
5. Angel faces will be opposed, and recognize the dynamics or spiritual warfare and how it's overcome.
6. Angel faces love God's Word and long to see it multiply, increase, and fill the world.
7. Angel faces pray for supernatural signs and wonders.
8. Angel faces are holy and obedience
9. Angel faces love Jesus and are Christ centered in all they say and do.

WHY IT MATTERS

Digging Deeper

What is the difference between conflict intended to stir up division and conflict geared toward a healthy solution?

Why does true gospel advancement so often invite persecution and division?

Look at the list of deacon qualifications in 1 Tm. 3:8-13. What is striking about these characteristics? Is there anything absent you might expect to be present, or vice versa?

What effect did the "wisdom and the Spirit with which [Stephen] was speaking" (Acts 6:10) have on those around him? How do we have such wisdom and the Spirit today?

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

Group Discussion & Application

Use the following questions to examine what the sermon and its text mean, to apply the Word to your life, and to guide how you pray. Please note that you don't have to use all of the questions. These are just options (along with the digging deeper section) to help you frame the family/small group discussion.

1. Do you spend enough time with God to have an angel face? Do you long for it?
2. Are you characterized by conflict, anger, resentment, or anxiety?
3. When conflict arises, what do you do?
4. Do you long to see Jesus worshipped and praised by multitudes of people everywhere?
5. Is your face grace-filled?
6. Do you love and long to serve Christ's body?
7. Are you characterized by the deacon qualifications in 1 Tm. 3:8-13? Is God calling you to greater character and/or service to the church? How can you pursue them this week?

Prayer

- Pray for Our Church:
 - Thank God for Christ's faithfulness to endure persecution and shame for us, so that we may walk in freedom.
 - Pray that the Lord would grant us servants' hearts to serve the church, and that the Lord would raise up more deacons to serve CFC

- Pray for Our Community:
 - Pray that people in the Gadsden area would not set their hearts to oppose the gospel, as the religious leaders opposed the apostles and Stephen
 - Pray that the Lord would grant such rich fellowship with the Lord that we may walk with angel faces toward one another and our community

- Pray for Our World:
 - Pray for the upcoming trip to Tanzania, that the Lord would meet many physical and especially spiritual needs through our church's service. Pray that the Lord would raise up many to go and minister, and provide the resources needed for the trip
 - Pray for the international dinner at the Pinkerton's house this Friday, that the Lord would bring many international students to hear the Word preached and establish many new gospel friendships