

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) There are some things that only the Holy Spirit can teach us.
 - i) Nicodemus was a master in Israel and a ruler of the Jews, yet he was ignorant of spiritual things.
 - (1) John 3:10
- b) God uses human instruments to share His truth, and He uses His Word.
 - i) But the Holy Spirit is the teacher.
 - ii) We can preach truth, but only He can impart truth.
- c) John 16:7-11
 - i) The Comforter is the Holy Spirit.
 - (1) John 15:26
 - ii) The word “reprove” in verse 8 means “convict” or “convince.”
 - iii) These three things we will never learn in school:
 - (1) The truth concerning sin.
 - (2) The truth concerning righteousness.
 - (3) The truth concerning judgment.
- d) The need of this hour is truth.
 - i) Truth is the issue.
 - (1) There is cowardice that is afraid of the truth.
 - (2) There is laziness that accepts part of the truth.
 - (3) There is arrogance that thinks it knows all of the truth.
 - (4) There is true humility before God that opens the heart to receive what the Holy Spirit of God wants to teach.
- e) Only when we have been saved can we know the three tremendous truths about sin, righteousness and judgment.
 - i) We may understand them intellectually, but we will never know them until the Holy Spirit of God teaches us these things.

2) THE CONCEPTION OF SIN; THE TRUTH CONCERNING SIN (JOHN 16:9)

- a) The Bible teaches that we are sinners for three basic reasons:
 - i) Because of what we are; we are natural-born sinners.
 - (1) Ephesians 2:3
 - (2) The Holy Spirit has to remove a certain kind of ignorance from our hearts.
 - (a) We think that men are wicked and sinful because of what they do.
 - (i) We think people are sinners because they lie, steal, commit adultery, etc.
 - (b) In reality, people are not sinners because they do those things, but they do those things because they are sinners.
 - (i) A man is not a liar because he tells lies; he tells lies because he is a liar.
 - (ii) A man is not a thief because he steals; he steals because he is a thief.
 - 1. Matthew 15:19

- (3) There is within human nature a thing the Bible calls sin, and what we see coming out in man is what has been born on the inside.
 - (a) A man is a sinner because of what he is.
- (4) The sin that we are capable of doing is the latent sin that is down in our hearts.
 - (a) God sees this sin, whether it ever comes to the surface or not.
 - (b) This is why reformation will never work for sin.
 - (i) If you tell a man of this world that he's a sinner, without the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, he simply says that he will do better and quit the bad behavior.
 - (ii) Even though he may clean up the outside of his life, the heart is still crooked.
 - 1. Jeremiah 17:9
 - 2. Therefore, if a man is a drunkard and he stops drinking without getting saved, then he will go to Hell sober.
- (5) People have tried to explain away sin.
 - (a) Evolutionists say that man is a sinner because he hasn't had sufficient time to develop.
 - (b) Environmentalists say that man is a sinner because he's been molded and shaped by forces on the outside, and he needs a better atmosphere.
 - (c) Educators say that there is no such thing as sin, only ignorance; and if we could educate a man, then we would be able to deal with his sin.
- (6) Each of us are born with a sin nature; man is by nature a child of wrath.
 - ii) Because of what we do.
 - (1) Romans 3:10-12
 - (2) Romans 3:23
 - (3) Our nature is the poisoned well; the sins that we do are the poisoned bitter water that comes out of that well.
 - (4) We may say that we don't kill or steal, but what about our thought life?
 - (a) Matthew 5:21-22
 - (i) Jesus said that hate is murder.
 - (b) Matthew 5:27-28
 - (i) Jesus said that lust is adultery.
 - (c) God destroyed a civilization with a flood because of the imaginations of men's hearts.
 - (i) Genesis 6:5-7
- (5) We have tried to redefine sin to the point of redefining it out of existence.
 - (a) The word "abortion" used to mean a miscarriage.
 - (i) The real word for what we now call "abortion" is "infanticide."

- (ii) Now, abortionists have tried to change the term “abortion” to a nicer term, and they call it “pro-choice.”
- (iii) They have gone even further to find a better term than “pro-choice,” and they now call abortion “reproductive rights.”
- (iv) They have taken this a step further to now calling it “reproductive freedom.”
- (v) No matter what it is called, it is still the killing of unborn babies.
- (b) The Bible speaks of lust, but we now call it “adult entertainment.”
- (c) The Bible calls sexual immorality “fornication” and “adultery.”
 - (i) We now call it “sexually active” and “having an affair.”
- (d) The Bible calls sexual perversion “sodomy.”
 - (i) We call it today an “alternative lifestyle.”
- (6) We are trying to redefine sin out of existence, but the Bible calls it sin.
 - (a) Romans 3:23
- iii) Because we believe not.
 - (1) John 16:9
 - (a) The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, not only because of what we are and what we have done, but also because of what we have not done; we have not believed.
 - (2) There is a horrible, condemning sin that most of the world never thinks about: the sin of not believing on Jesus Christ.
 - (3) What is sin?
 - (a) Sin is a clenched fist in the face of God.
 - (b) Sin is failing to bow the knee to the Lord Jesus.
 - (c) Sin is high treason against Heaven’s King.
 - (i) Only the Holy Spirit can teach us this about sin.
 - (4) When we see that we have never bowed the knee to our Maker (the one who died in agony and blood for us on the cross) and that we have ignored, spurned and refused Him, then we will understand why the Bible calls us sinners.
 - (5) John 3:18
 - (a) Unbelief is the greatest sin and is the parent sin out of which all other sins have grown.
 - (i) It was unbelief that caused Adam and Eve to sin in the Garden of Eden.
 - (6) A courtroom may convict us of crimes, conscience will convict us of wrong doing, but only the Holy Spirit of God will truly convict us of sin.
 - (7) When we understand that we have never really opened our hearts and received Him as our Lord and Savior, then we will seek His mercy.
 - (a) Luke 18:13

3) THE COMPLETION OF SALVATION; THE TRUTH CONCERNING RIGHTEOUSNESS (JOHN 16:10)

- a) The Holy Spirit convicts of sin and of righteousness.
- b) John 16:10
 - i) The Lord Jesus left His Father's house, came to this world of woe and lived a sinless life, took our sins to the cross, suffered and died in agony, rose from the tomb on the third day, is alive and victorious over sin and death and Hell, and He ascended to the Father to present His blood there before the Father in that tabernacle in Heaven.
 - ii) Jesus Christ has paid the price for redemption, and there is only one way that man can be righteous.
 - (1) It is through Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension back to the Father.
- c) Only the Holy Spirit can teach us the way to righteousness.
 - i) Man is ignorant concerning sin and righteousness.
 - (1) The average person thinks he is a sinner if he does wrong and is righteous if he does right.
 - (2) The average person thinks that righteousness comes by doing and being good.
 - (a) Romans 10:3
 - ii) Man can be sincere and be sincerely wrong.
 - iii) The only hope we have of righteousness is Jesus.
- d) Some claim that they are pretty good people, and they rely on their goodness; but Jesus said to the religious leaders of His day that publicans, sinners and harlots would go to Heaven before they would.
 - i) Matthew 21:31
- e) Isaiah 64:6
- f) The only way that we will go to Heaven is through the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus and our faith in that fact.
 - i) If a person could be saved any other way, then Calvary was the blunder of the ages.
 - ii) If there were some other means of salvation or other options, then why would God choose to let His Son die in agony and blood?
 - (1) Galatians 2:21
 - (a) If a person could be saved by keeping the Ten Commandments, then Calvary was a blunder.
- g) The worst form of badness is human goodness when human goodness becomes a substitute for the new birth.
 - i) The only way we understand this is when the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts.
 - ii) No preacher can teach us this.
 - (1) The Holy Spirit convicts us that our only hope of Heaven is to receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior.
- h) We are sinners because of what we are, what we do and what we've not done; when we receive the Lord Jesus, He does many things for us:
 - i) He changes what we are.

- (1) We are by nature children of wrath; but when we get saved, we become partakers of the divine nature.
 - (a) The Bible calls this the new birth.
 - (2) Christians are not just nicer people or people who have been reformed, but Christians are those who have had a change of nature.
 - ii) He forgives what we've done.
 - (1) Every stain and every blemish are gone and buried in the grave of God's forgetfulness.
 - iii) He gives what we need, which is righteousness.
 - (1) He took our sin so that we might take His righteousness.
 - (2) Romans 4:5-6
 - (a) When we believe on the Lord Jesus, repent of our sins and place our trust in Him, then God gives us a new nature, forgives us and takes His righteousness and imputes it to us.
 - (i) "Imputes" means that He puts it on our account.
 - (b) We are then as righteous as Jesus Christ because He has given us His righteousness.
 - (i) He takes our sin, and we take His righteousness.
- 4) THE CONDEMNATION OF SATAN; THE TRUTH CONCERNING JUDGMENT (JOHN 16:11)
- a) This passage in John 16 is in the perfect tense.
 - i) It does not say that Satan is going to be judged, but it means that it is already taking place.
 - (1) The prince of this world is the devil.
 - b) We are not waiting on the outcome of things to see who's going to win: Christ or antichrist, God or Satan.
 - i) John 12:31
 - c) Many people believe that somehow sin will get by and that God will be merciful, even if men do not repent of sin and receive His righteousness.
 - i) This is not true.
 - ii) Our Lord must reign, and His enemies are defeated.
 - (1) There is no contest.
 - (2) Truth is mightier than error.
 - (3) Love is stronger than hate.
 - (4) Holiness is higher than sin.
 - (5) Our Lord has the victory.
 - d) Satan's cause is a lost cause, and he rules a doomed domain.
 - i) He has already been sentenced, adjudicated a criminal, and he has been judged.
 - ii) He will one day be thrown into the Lake of Fire.
 - (1) God did not prepare Hell for you.
 - (2) If you go to Hell, you will be an intruder.
 - (a) Matthew 25:41

- (i) Hell is not a myth.
 - (ii) Jesus Himself, who is infinite and fathomless love, warned about Hell.
- e) Sin cannot win, and faith cannot fail.
- i) Only the Holy Spirit can teach you that.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) John 16:9-11
- b) It is an unfathomable tragedy to refuse the love of God, who gave His own dear Son to die for us in agony upon the cross.
- c) Being a church member does not save us; church membership will not get us to Heaven.
- d) Jesus Christ is the only way.
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16