

Sermon Notes
Week of April 12, 2009
“God’s Will for Man”
(How to Face Temptation)
Luke 22:39-46

FOUR VITAL ELEMENTS OF CHRISTS’S PRAYER:

1. _____
Jesus _____ His severest agony in the garden.

2. _____
Jesus _____ in legitimate prayer.

3. _____
Jesus _____ the Father’s will for Him (and us!).

4. _____
Jesus was _____ of God’s care through angels.

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

I Co. 15:19, 42-44

OUR CORE VALUES

Belief – Practice – Virtue

Our virtues are the natural result of practicing what we believe! If we understand [**“belief”**] God is personal (i.e. transcendent & imminent (Psalm 121) then we will worship [**“practice”**] God for who He is which results in joy and peace [**“virtue”**]. (Psalm 95:1-7): When we practice what we believe our lives will manifest virtue.

10 Christian Beliefs
WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW

Trinity (Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology): the belief that the God of the Bible is the only true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (II Corinthians 13:14)

Salvation by Grace (Soteriology): the belief that a person comes into a right relationship with God and is saved by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Authority of the Bible (Bibliology): the belief that the Bible is the word of God and has the right to command our beliefs and actions (II Timothy 3:16-17)

Personal God (Transcendence, Immanence, Providence): the belief that God is involved in and cares about our daily lives (Psalm 121)

Identity in Christ (aspect of Sanctification): the belief that a person is significant because of his or her position as a child of God (John 1:12-13)

Church (Ecclesiology): the belief that the church is God’s primary way to accomplish his purposes on earth today (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Humanity (Anthropology): the belief that all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 3:16)

Compassion (aspect of Ecclesiology): the belief that God Calls Christians to show compassion to those in need (Psalm 82:3-4)

Eternity (Eschatology): the belief that there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge the earth and to establish his eternal kingdom (John 14:1-4)

Stewardship (aspect of Soteriology): the belief that everything a person owns belongs to God (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

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1. EXPECTATION

Jesus ANTICIPATED His severest agony in the garden.

2. AFFLICTION

Jesus AGONIZED in legitimate prayer.

3. SUBMISSION

Jesus ACCEPTED the Father’s will for Him (and us!).

4. RESTORATION

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