

SERMON NOTES
August 22, 2010
“Integrity Versus Despair”
Psalm 90:1-14

“Teach us to number our days” “Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days”; The mercy of God leads to the life of joy

- I. The need for salvation; all mankind has a common need for redemption
 - a. All people are under the sentence of **condemnation**, being guilty before God (Romans 3:19); God’s holiness demands judgment (I Peter 1:15-16)
 - b. Because all are under this sentence, all will face physical **death** then judgment (Romans 5:12, Hebrews 9:27)
 - c. Bodily death is the **assurance** that the entire human race needs **redemption** (Romans 3:23)
- II. The reason for salvation; to live for purpose
 - a. Salvation brings escape from **futility** (Romans 8:20)
 - b. Salvation brings escape from the faulty **traditions** of men (Matthew 15:9)
 - c. Salvation brings escape from the **lie** to embrace the light of **truth** (I John 1:7)
 - d. Salvation brings **reclamation** of the life destined for destruction (II Peter 3:9)
 - e. Salvation brings freedom the heartache of **sin**, to the glory of **God** (Romans 1:21-28)
 - f. Salvation brings escape from eternal **hell** and **separation** from God (Revelation 20:11-15)
- III. The means of salvation; the sufficiency of Christ, II Peter 1:3-4
 - a. Christ is the Only remedy for God’s righteous wrath against sin; He is the “seat of propitiation” (Exodus 25:21-22)

- b. Christ took the punishment belonging to every sinner (Isaiah 53:4-6)
 - c. Christ did what **philosophy**, vain deceit and human **reasoning** could not do (Colossians 2:8-15)
- IV. Regardless what anyone may claim, salvation has always been about Christ and none other; He is the Lamb **slain** from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8); In the eternal mind of God, Christ has always been the **Passover** Lamb (Revelation 5:6, I Corinthians 5:7, Exodus 12)even prior to the crucifixion
- V. Those who are redeemed have a personal responsibility with regard to sanctification to holiness in obedience to Christ; this is the combined work of God and man (Exodus 20:7; Philippians 2:12-13); the practice of holiness involves human work in cooperation with God; immature Christians such as children and teens need seasoned veterans of the faith as mentors, guides and heroes; God expects fruit from His people, a harvest of souls resulting from changed lives
- VI. Those who are fruitless Christians have:
 - a. The need for rededication to escape the “scourge” of God (Hebrews 12:6)
 - b. The need for rededication to live a productive life for the purposes of Christ
 - c. The need for rededication in positively affecting the lives of others for the cause of Christ
 - d. You can help change a life and prevent a youth from following the path to destruction
- VII. Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7 “Remember you Creator in your youth”
 - a. Inevitably, later life brings Issues of integrity versus **despair**; choose integrity
 - b. Christ promised the abundant life (John 10:10)the thief promises **destruction**; commit today to helping to save a life from destruction

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Discussion:

Prayer Requests:

Praises:

Verse to memorize:

CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES – WEEK 6

BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

Belief #6 - Church: the belief that the church is God’s primary way to accomplish his purposes on earth today (Ephesians 4:15-16)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

Practice #6 - Spiritual Gifts: using the gifts God has given us to fulfill God’s purposes (Colossians 3:17)

VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”

Virtue #6 - Patient: being patient with others (Proverbs 14:29)

APPLICATION:

Application is Hard Work:

1. ...because it requires serious thinking.
2. ...because Satan fights it viciously.
3. ...because we naturally resist change.

Four Steps to Practical Application:

- I. **Pray** for insight on how to apply the passage.
- II. **Meditate** on verses you have chosen to study.
 - a. Put yourself in the biblical scene.
 - b. Emphasize words in the passage you are studying.
 - c. Paraphrase the passage.
 - d. Personalize the passage you are studying.
 - e. Use the S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S acrostic. *
- III. **Write** out an application – (Personal, Practical, Possible, Provable)
- IV. **Memorize** a key verse from your study.

Questions to Ask When Studying the Bible:

1. What attitude do I need to change (surrender)?
2. What do I need to start doing? Stop doing?
3. What things do I need to believe? Stop believing?
4. What relationships do I need to work on?
5. What ministry should I be having with others?

*S – Sin to confess?

P – Promise to claim?

A – Attitude to change?

C – Command to obey?

E – Example to follow?

P – Prayer to pray?

E – Error to avoid?

T – Truth to believe?

S – Something to praise God for?