Sermon Notes – 07.21.2024 – Transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ Inside and Out

What is the Simple Gospel Message?

The Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:29-34 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought them out, he said, **"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"** 31 They said, "**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved,** you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. 33 And he took them that *very* hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately **he was baptized**, he and all his *household.* 34 And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and **rejoiced greatly, having believed in God** with his whole household.

The Message to the Jews and Gentiles in Rome

Romans 10:8-13 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, **the word of faith which we are preaching**, 9 that **if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved**; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for **"WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."**

The Message to Those in Ephesus – a Very Dark Place

Ephesians 2:1-2 And **you were dead in your trespasses and sins**, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

They Were Presented the Same Gospel Message

Ephesians 2:8-10 For **by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.** 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

We Are Confronted with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and What do We Know?

- **We need to confess with our mouth.**
- **We need to believe that He is alive – He rose from the dead.**
- **Doesn't matter who we are – If we, "CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD (we) WILL BE SAVED."**
- **We are saved by God's gracious gift of salvation – Not by our works.**
- **Then, comes the "So What" of Faith**

Then Comes the Life-Long Inward and Outward Life Transformation that God Works in Us

"...when we truly believe in Jesus and sincerely commit our lives to Him – Then our lives will be changed." ~ Billy Graham [https://billygraham.org/answer/when-we-truly-put-our-faith-in-christ-our-lives-are-changed/]

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We Are Changed - We Have the Holy Spirit [Does God have us?] – We Need to "Walk in the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God,** and that **you are not your own**? 20 For **you have been bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body.

Galatians 5:24-25 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 **If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

In the Word and In Prayer – We Are Transformed by the Lord as the Eyes of Our Heart are Opened

2 Corinthians 3:14-18 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the **same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.** 15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; 16 but **whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away**. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. 18 But **we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

- **Turning to the Lord, Reading and Seeking with "Unveiled" Heart – We Behold His Glory**

A Transformed Heart Leads to a Transformed Life

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore **I urge you, brethren**, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God**, *which is* **your spiritual service of worship**. 2 And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gal 2:20 "… it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and **the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me**.