

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Various Texts--June 23rd, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Christ, Cross, & Consummation

I. The Problem

a. Symptoms

- The world has many answers to what is wrong with the world. These answers are only symptoms of the true problem.
- A continued theme throughout Scripture is that we live in a fallen world and we need a Savior.

b. Diagnosis

- Our sinful actions are just symptoms of a much more grave diagnosis. We sin because we are by nature sinners.
- Every part of our being, mind, heart, body, and soul have been corrupted by sin. Therefore we live sinful lives with sinful actions.
- Bad News: This disease is terminal. Sin demands death and we cannot change our nature.

II. The Solution

We need a Savior and throughout the Biblical narrative we are being promised that one is coming.

a. Physician

God John 1:1-15--The promised Messiah comes and "all who believe will be children of God; will be born of God."

- John 3- You are terminally ill. You must be born again.
 - You must repent of your sins and "believe" (v.14-16). This intense belief is called...faith.

b. Treatment

- The Good Physician doesn't just declare that we can be cured, he provides treatment.
- John 3:14-16- Christ was given by God to the Cross.
- God couldn't just look at sinners and say, "You're forgiven." His character and his word declare that sin must be dealt with. Sin demands death. Someone had to die for our sin. Sin had to be atoned for in order to be forgiven.
- Martyn Lloyd-Jones, "The Cross does not merely tells us that God forgives, it tells us that that is God's way of making forgiveness possible. It is the way in which we understand how God forgives."
- On the cross, Christ took our sin and death in exchange for his righteousness being given to us.
- The cross was the only possible treatment/way for me to be cured of my terminal unrighteousness and for God to remain God. At the cross you see his glory, his holiness, his righteousness, his justice, his love as Jesus Christ obediently stood condemned in my place.

III. The End

a. Prognosis

- The cross secures the prognosis for those who are born again. Consummation is coming. In a wedding, consummation finalizes the marriage, ; the union is complete, perfect, never to be undone. The Christian life is the same. Christ is coming and all things will be made new in perfection.
- When Christ returns, the new heaven and earth, the new Jerusalem will be without sin, chaos, death, pain, mourning, as we dwell with God for eternity. We have returned to the Garden.
- Thomas Manton, "What was lost in Adam, can only be recovered in Christ."

Discussion Questions:

- What are the seven C's?
- What is wrong with the world?
- What makes us a sinner? Why do we sin?
- "Sin demands _____."
- According to John 3, what is the solution for our terminal sinful condition?
- How can we be born again?
- How does the cross make forgiveness possible?
- Without the cross who is God?
- What is the prognosis for those who have been born again (Rev. 20-22)?
- What is consummation?
- What does the state of Creation in Rev. 20-22 remind us of?

Application:

- What is your view of Christ?
- What is your view of the Cross?
- How do those views align with the Christ and Cross of Scripture?
- What hope does the coming consummation provide for you today, in this fallen world?

