

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: December 12, 2021

Title: "The Truth of the Gospel" (Part 2)

Text: 2 Timothy 1:9-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. Paul Tripp's advent devotional. Day 5 theme: _____.
2. This morning we'll give our attention to the Very, Very Good News first. Then we'll follow up with the Very, Very Bad News.

"The glory of the birth of Jesus becomes even more glorious when it is seen through the humbling lens of the desperate condition that was the reason for his coming."

THE VERY, VERY GOOD NEWS

- This "good news" was announced by "an angel of the Lord" on that first Christmas many years ago. Read Luke 2:10-11.
- Please open your Bibles with me to 2 Timothy 1. Our passage for last Sunday and today is vs. 9-10.

Dr. William Barclay: "Few passages in the NT have in them and behind them such a sense of the sheer grandeur of the Gospel."

Last week we looked at . . .

1. The CHARACTER of Salvation (what it is)
'Salvation' is a majestic word. It communicates the comprehensive "eternal purpose/plan" of God which encompasses the past, present, & future.
2. The SOURCE of Salvation (where it comes from)
 - A. Salvation does not come from us
It is "not because of anything we have done"
 - B. Salvation comes from God. [See Jonah 2:9]
It comes from "his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus."

This morning . . .

3. The _____ of Salvation (on what it rests)
Christ "has destroyed death and has brought life & immortality to light."
 - A. Death is the "_____" sin pays, its grim penalty (Rom. 6:23).
It's true of each form death takes (physical, spiritual, eternal)
 - B. Jesus "destroyed" (or, "_____") death.
It can't mean He eliminated it, as we know from everyday experience!
 - C. Christ decisively _____ death (see 1 Cor. 15:55).
Jesus has ended (or, broke the power of) death. It is ineffective.
 - D. Physical death is no longer the _____ it
once seemed to us (believers).
 - E. Spiritual death has, for Christian believers, given place to that
eternal life which is communion with God _____ on
earth and _____ in heaven.

THE VERY, VERY BAD NEWS

What does the brokenness of sin, which every human being shares, look like? Five words communicate our condition as sinners:

1. Because of sin we exist in a from-birth state of _____.
2. Sin also renders us _____.
3. Because sin blinds, it also leaves us in a state of _____.
4. On top of these, sin places us under God's _____.
5. Finally, sin leaves us _____.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Because of Jesus' death & resurrection, God can offer you a wonderful gift: "Salvation" — the forgiveness of sin and everlasting life.

Interested? If you are, why not receive God's Christmas gift right now!