

Sermon Notes - "Life is about Eternal Relationship with, or Rejection of, Jesus."
Philippians 3:18-21

I. The Distinction of Law and Gospel Reviewed

A. _____ in God's Word shows us our _____. (Law S.O.S.)

Humans try to _____ from God's Law, change God's Law and ignore God's Law. But truth is that all sinners are condemned by God's Law.

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
Romans 3:19-20

B. _____ in God's Word shows us our _____. (Gospel S.O.S.)

Only in Jesus Christ are _____ forgiven and _____.

Anyone who trusts in Jesus's death and resurrection for forgiveness is forgiven anything and everything. No sin is more powerful than Jesus.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17

II. Eternal Relationship with Jesus is Either A Law or Gospel Relationship

A. An _____ is an “_____ of the cross of Christ.”

God’s eternal view is not about whether a person is “bad person” in society, or on the other hand, doing many “good deeds.” It is about whether one trusts in Jesus for forgiveness or not. In God’s view all human deeds, even “good deeds,” are full of sin... *but are sins forgiven through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?*

God views our lives as in a relationship to the Father through Jesus, or not.

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’...

Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:37-40 and 44-46

B. A _____ , a Christian, is a sister or brother with Jesus, covered by His _____ which He gained by His death and resurrection.

God does not see the _____ of His children who believe in Jesus.

Through faith we see God's view and God's reality of Jesus's forgiveness covering sins, we also look at others. Others' sins need to be forgiven by Jesus as well.

We see each other, and the world, needing forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus' desire to forgive I sour hope and desire.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

The Christian's _____ is an eternal life with Him and His people.

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Philippians 3