

Sermon Notes – (Sept. 17) – “Judgement and Forgiveness”

I. It is a _____ to say God says we should never judge; as if there are no false teachings and no disobedience and no sin and no judgement to hell.

The way of Satan is to say God has not given any specific teachings to follow.

The way of the dying world says you are not allowed to judge me.

The way of love to measure both oneself and others according to God’s teachings.

1 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. Matthew 7:1-5

Jesus teaches to first judge self. To use the same measure of judgment against oneself first. Then one can help the brother.

Jesus also taught in the same Sermon on the Mount:

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matthew 7:21-27

Jesus instructs us to know that there are false teachers, false prophets and false miracle workers – all working by Satan’s power! We need to judge their teachings and live in a way to avoid them! Jesus requires us to judge in this way! We disobey Jesus if we do not carefully judge and avoid evil ones who would lead us to hell.

II. Jesus and Paul Teach Us to Take Care of One Another with Forgiveness and Love

What is the true measure? _____ measure!

All are sinners. (Law)

God’s Forgiveness in Christ. (Gospel)

Obedience to love God and serve one another. (Living as God’s child. Law of love.)

19 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. 20 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

No one can stand before God full of sin. We confess our sin in _____ !
No one’s sin is less as to get into heaven without Christ.

So when Peter asked Jesus, “how many times should I forgive my brother?” It is like saying a human can be good enough to have no need of God’s daily forgiveness.

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Our daily and eternal lives depend on God’s daily forgiveness in Christ. So also we forgive one another and help each other get into heaven by helping each other stay in Christ’s forgiveness.

“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Paul: As you live out Your faith according to God’s word, have peace with one another in the differences in your sanctified lives. You all have God’s peace, let it abound.