



Saturday & Sunday, April 19 & 20, 2014 Ray Davis

Sermon Notes

“A Changed Life”

We are here to celebrate that through the Crucifixion & Resurrection of our Savior we can have a changed life, a fullness of life, a life that most people only dream about. This brand new life is the foundation to finding wholeness in a broken world. How does this life change happen?

1Peter1:1-3

The Author: Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ v1a
(1Cor15:3-5; 2Pet1:16; Rom3:23; 2Cor7:10-11)

The Audience: elect (chosen) exiles (strangers in this world) v1b
(1Pet1:8) “If I have a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the explanation is-I was made for another world.”-C.S. Lewis

Agenda: Finding Wholeness in (through) a Broken World.
(1Pet1:6-7, 4:12) Where’s the starting point?
How did Peter’s life so drastically change?

How the Gospel Changes us:

In v2 we see the Trinitarian shape of the gospel.

All three persons of the triune Godhead are active in our salvation.

- 1) The Father chooses according to His foreknowledge (Jn6:44, 15:16; Rom8:29; Eph1:3-5)
- 2) The Son accomplishes the work by His blood & resurrection (Jn3:16; 1Cor15:3-4, 17)
- 3) The Holy Spirit applies the work to our lives (Jn16:13-15; Rom8:15-16; Eph.1:13-14)

The Result: v3 According to his great mercy we are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Rom5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

Rom8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

V2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you!

Growing Notes

1) What are the implications of the crucifixion (Good Friday) and the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) of Jesus Christ (1Cor15:1-4, 17)? Tim Keller says, “Easter proves that Christmas is real.” What do you think he means by that? What do you love most about Easter?

2) Read 1Peter1:1-3. Who is the Author (v1a)? Why do you think Peter is known as a thundering paradox of a man & the disciple most people identify with (Matt16:16; 26:35, 69-75)? How is the resurrection a defining moment of life change in Peter’s life (1Cor. 15:3-5) and what does He say about the Gospel (2Pet1:16)? Who is the audience of Peter’s letter (v1b)?

3) What is the agenda of Peter’s letter (1Pet1:6-7, 4:12)? Life is a fiery furnace that can either burn you to a crisp or refine you as pure gold. Why is it that two people can have the almost identical circumstances, yet one comes out bitter, cynical, jaded and the other comes out softer, tender, humble, and greater character? How do you think holiness (wholeness) and hardship are inextricably connected?

4) How are all three persons of the triune Godhead active in the our salvation (v2)? Take some time and look up the scripture references that pertain to each member of the Triune God. What is the result of this salvation in v3 (Note: Peter breaks spontaneously into doxology [worship] in this verse)? What does Romans 5:10 & 8:11 tell us we have as a result of the Crucifixion & Resurrection of Christ? Even if you don’t like what Jesus said if He died for you and rose from the dead he not only proved his love for you but also to be who he said he is and it would be crazy not to follow Him! Pray