



SUNDAY SERMON

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Sermon Notes

Good Friday: Once for all

Pastor: John Roebert

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:1-14 (NLT)

1. The old system of the law was merely a dim reflection of the good things to come.

Under the old covenant people had to sacrifice animal sacrifices year after year. The sacrifices were a painful reminder that they had a sinful nature. The Israelites lived under a cloud of guilt because the sacrifices couldn't take away sin completely but only cover sin for a time.

Hebrews 10:1 (NLT)

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

But the Lord had a better covenant in mind. A covenant where we can experience complete forgiveness and truly get to know God.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (NLT)

But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days," says the Lord. "I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ And they will not need to teach their neighbours, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.' For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already," says the Lord. "And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins."

2. Jesus needed to take on a physical body in order to fulfil the sacrifice.

Hebrews 10:5 & 10 (NLT)

In Genesis God gave mankind dominion and legal authority over the earth. At the fall we gave up that authority to the enemy.

Jesus took on a human body to take back the authority from the enemy.

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John 1:14 (NKJV)

“the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

When he died on the cross for our sins, and rose again in victory, Jesus took back all authority and could send us out with that authority. The authority of mankind was restored.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

3. Jesus offered himself as the ultimate sacrifice, once for all.

Hebrews 9:12 (NLT)

With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

His blood was shed, once for all time, for all of humanity. He secured our redemption.

The phrase Once for all is used 7 times in two chapters in Hebrews. That emphasises the finality of Jesus’s sacrifice. No further sacrifices are required. No further punishment is needed. We don’t need to do anything more to make ourselves right with God. Jesus paid it all. He is the only one that could remove our guilt and clear our consciences.

Psalms 103:12 (NKJV)

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Corrie ten Boom quote:

When I bring my sins to Jesus, He casts them into the depths of the sea, forgiven and forgotten, and He also puts up a sign saying, “No fishing allowed”.

4. Jesus is now seated in the place of victory

The fact that Jesus is seated tells us that the work of salvation is completed. The Father’s will has been done. Jesus has triumphed over sin and death.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father, the place of honour. And all power and authority belong to Him. Revelation 5:12 (NKJV) “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing!”

Hebrews 10:14 (NLT) “For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.”

Through His blood we have been made perfect. This is called justification.

By His Spirit, He makes us holy. This is called sanctification.



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Resurrection Sunday: He is risen indeed – A call to a victorious life

Pastor: Murray Carver

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:24

Introduction

The disciples on the road to Emmaus encountered Jesus and He opened the Scriptures to them that testified of Himself. Their hearts burned within them. But it was only when they invited Him in for a meal, and He broke the bread, that they recognised Him. They hurried back to Jerusalem, found the disciples and said, “He is risen indeed.”

The resurrection is foundational to our faith. It is the greatest victory of all time.

1. Out of His victory won He calls us higher.

John 20:6-7

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief (face cloth) that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

A separation of grave clothes from the face cloth, why?

- If his body was stolen away as some claimed what thief would take the time to fold His head cloth?
- His resurrection was different to Lazarus’s, Lazarus came out in his grave clothes for he would die again. Jesus left the grave clothes in the grave signalling His full victory over death, nothing of death came out with Jesus. Jesus lives forever more.
- A folded handkerchief at a table means “I will return” in Jewish tradition, so Jesus proclaimed in more than words: I WILL RETURN.
- Jesus is the head of the church. The head is in order, signalled by the folded head cloth, but the body is not yet in order. He extends His grace to us so that we too, as His body, may be put in order and have our grave clothes folded step by step and left behind as we grow up into His headship. He is calling us higher.

2. As He laid down His life so we lay down our lives.

1 Peter 2:24

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Jesus laid down His life. No one took it from Him. It was His choice, and He did it willingly for us.

When we embrace the free gift of salvation given to us through Jesus death and resurrection the Lord has an expectation of us to no longer live in sin, or live a life of sin, but to be holy, set aside for Him and His purposes.

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We do this by dying to sin. With the same passion He bore our sins on the cross we can just as passionately choose to die to sins.

Col 3:5-10:

Therefore, PUT TO DEATH your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to PUT OFF ALL THESE: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have PUT OFF THE OLD MAN with his deeds and have PUT ON THE NEW MAN who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Matt 5:29-30

If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

There is a ruthlessness in these words towards sin that holds no ground for negotiation, death is just as final as amputation, and we are told in the passage above of the fierce determination we must have towards dealing with sin, which is to die to it and to cut it off.

We will not live perfectly in this life, sin is a factor until we are perfected, but if we have already pre-decided that we will live holy lives, pre-decided to die to sin, then when we are tempted we can stand, or when we do sin we can quickly repent, cut it off, and live for Him.

3. Live For Righteousness

A framework on living for righteousness:

- We recognize Jesus died for our sins; His blood shed for us.
- We put our faith in Him and trust Him for salvation.
- We choose to die to sin.
- We choose to live for righteousness.

We need to be careful of reducing living for righteousness to a series of do's and don'ts, a religious adherence to right and wrong.

The key to living for righteousness is a love relationship with the Lord.

We live for righteousness out of our love for God. It is His grace that works in us and through us to live righteously. Grace is Gods enabling power.

And we receive His grace by humbling ourselves and asking him for it.

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4. It is finished: His victory is done!

The last words Jesus said on the cross were “It is finished.”

This was His bold proclamation of total victory, that the victory of the battle of the ages had been forever settled, that the foundation of complete redemption had been set, and now we can live a Kingdom life until He returns. (a “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done life”).

1 Peter 2:24:

“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**BY WHOSE STRIPES YOU WERE HEALED.**”

Isaiah 53:5

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we **ARE** healed.”

Do you notice that the prophecy of His power to heal was present tense, a reaching towards the victory to come where 1 Peter 2v24 is past tense, that the fullness of victory has already been accomplished at the cross.

We need to shift our focus, that His victory has already been accomplished.

Not just for healing, but deliverance, breakthrough and victory.

What do we do when we are discouraged. We take a note from Joshua who was discouraged after a defeat in battle. He cried out to the Lord, and the Lord answered him.

Josh 7:10

“So, the Lord said to Joshua: “Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?”

Defeated, discouraged, struggling with sin!

Get up, and stop lying in the dust, on your face, stand up into victory in Christ (in the blood bought victory that is your eternal inheritance), put the cursed things away from you (die to self), and live for righteousness (in a love relationship with Him).

