



Sermon Series Notes

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Romans 8:20-22, “For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time”

1. We live in a world that is broken because of sin.

- a. Everything in this world is breaking down, it’s decaying, our own cells turn against us; for all of the good intentions people voice about peace and treating others with dignity and respect, this world is still filled with wars, starvation, slavery, murder, rape, and social injustice.
- b. *“There’s something wrong with the world today, I don’t know what it is.” – Aerosmith, Livin’ On The Edge*
- c. God tells us very clearly what the problem is in this world, it is sin.
- d. It is not just sin far away in lives of other people, it is sin that is very close, in me and in you.

Romans 7:23, “But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.”

2. 1 John 3:4, “Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.”

- a. Sin is blatant rebellion against our Creator.
- b. It is both doing what we know we shouldn’t do and not doing what we know we should do.
- c. **Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

3. Sin brings death. Romans 6:23a, “For the wages of sin is death,”

- a. Spiritual death
 - i. **Genesis 1:27-28**
 - ii. **Genesis 2:7**
 - iii. **Genesis 2:15-17**

- iv. God created mankind in His own image, He breathed His Spirit into man, making him a spiritual living being. God created mankind to have a relationship with Himself and to be the caretakers of His creation on earth. Instead, Adam and Eve knowingly rebelled against God, doing the one thing He told them not to do and the day they disobeyed God, they died. Their hearts were still beating, blood was still pumping through their veins, yet their spiritual connection to God was severed by sin, they had died spiritually.
 - v. **Ephesians 2:1-2, “As for you, you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”**
- b. Physical death
- i. **Genesis 3:17-19**
 - ii. **Genesis 5:5**
 - iii. Instead of being the caretaker of this earth as God intended, man caused this earth to be cursed, held in bondage to decay. Physical death is a result of spiritual death caused by sin.
- c. Eternal death
- i. **John 8:24, “I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins.”**
 - ii. **Revelation 20:11- 15**
 - iii. Sin brings spiritual death, which in turn bring physical death; if sin is not removed before physical death, it will result in eternal death.
 - iv. **Hebrews 9:27-28, “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”**

4. Christ came to save us from our sins.

- a. He did this by personally taking on our sins.
 - i. **1 Peter 2:24, “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”**
 - ii. Jesus bore the pain of our sin as He was beaten, broken and then nailed to a tree.
 - iii. Jesus bore the shame of our sin as He was publically displayed, naked and bleeding.
 - iv. Jesus bore the sorrow of our sin as he experienced it’s awful consequence.
 - v. Jesus bore the wrath of God towards our sin as the Father crushed the Son and satisfied His perfect justice towards our sin.
 - vi. Jesus bore the penalty of death for our sin. For the first time in all eternity, the Father forsook the Son because of our sin. Jesus experience death for us, first spiritually and then physically.

5. Jesus endured all of this to demonstrate God’s amazing love towards us!

- a. **Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love towards us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

6. Jesus rose from the dead.

- a. Jesus’ resurrection proves that He has conquered sin and death for us.
- b. Jesus is making all things new. **John 14:2, “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you.”**
- c. **Revelation 21:4, “He will wipe away tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”**

Conclusion: The gospel of Jesus Christ is not a religious idea or philosophy of living, it is the good news of a real historical event during which a physical sacrifice was made. God so loved the world that He sent His own Son who took on human flesh and suffered and died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sins. God did this so that whoever believes in Jesus would not be condemned but have the gift of eternal life.

Every blessing we have received as children of God can be traced back to the cross of Christ.

For this reason Jesus has instructed to often come together as a family of believers for the purpose of remembering the great price God paid to purchase us to Himself.

Remembering the cross brings a fresh heavenly perspective to our priorities in life:

- a. We are greatly loved by God.
 - b. We have been purchase at the greatest cost to God.
 - c. We should no longer live the rest of our lives for sinful pleasures, but rather for the will of God.
 - d. This world is not our home. Jesus is preparing a place for us and He will return to take us where He is.
1. **Corinthians 11:23-26, “For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you; The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”**