

Bethel Bible Series

Reversion

NT Study 10

Never say: "You're forgiven—but don't do it again."

This implies that forgiveness is conditional upon on not sinning again. It negates the grace of the gospel. - PK

Welcome

Opening - How does Acts 1:8 tell us we are to respond to Jesus' calling to share His Good News?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - *Christ the Lord*

The Apostles Await the Power (Acts 1)

Figures Approaching City = Disciples go to Jerusalem to await promised power
After Jesus ascended, they waited for the Spirit in Jerusalem as instructed
They stayed together, prayed constantly
City, Green Pastures and Globe = Believers are to spread the gospel ...
Acts 1:8 = ... in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth

In Jerusalem (Acts 2-7)

First Spire = The fellowship was empowered
Day of Pentecost - rec'd Spirit, Jews from around the world heard gospel
Spoke the gospel boldly, not stopped by threats from officials
Given wisdom to stand against Jews
Had the saving power of the gospel
Performed miracles, healed by faith in Jesus' name
Second Spire = The fellowship increased in number
120 grew to 5000+ within first year
3000 were added on Pentecost
Third Spire = The fellowship was unified and dispersed by persecution
Met daily, Broke bread in homes, Sold possessions, Shared everything
Persecution of apostles grew to wide persecution of the church

In Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12)

Arched Doorway and Path to Pastures = Witness is carried to Samaritans
Members were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria and preached there
Philip preached and baptized in a Samaritan city; they received the Spirit
Broken Portion of City Wall = Message is brought to the Gentiles
Philip witnessed to Ethiopian and baptized him
Peter visited Cornelius (Italian centurion) and baptized household
Apostles objected, then praised God for including Gentiles (Acts 11:18)
Paul called by Christ to take message to Gentiles, mission trips
Barnabas and Saul formed and grew first Christian church at Antioch

To The Ends of The Earth (Acts 13-28)

Globe Surrounded by Light = Christ's message is proclaimed to the world
"Since you reject it, we turn to the Gentiles." Paul is sent to the Gentiles
Open Book = Christ was more than man, spokesman, teacher, Savior - He is:
Xristos 'O Kurios = "Christ The Lord" - Christ is King!

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Lesson - *Reversion*

Three Barriers to the Gospel

What is the simple message of the gospel?

Ephesians 2:8-9 = Saved by GRACE, through FAITH - NOT by Works

Barrier 1 - Philosophical Ideas = Man is in charge of his destiny

Hermits (Asceticism) = Go off by yourself to find God (Hippies)

Gnostics (Knowledge) = Need to understand a secret knowledge from God

Stoic = Self-control, self-discipline to get right with God (New Age)

Platonists (logic) = Discover the Supreme set of rules

Barrier 2 - Human Pride = Don't want to be in debt to anyone

If I gave you a \$100 bill, how would you feel? = uncomfortable with unearned gift

Romans 6:23 = The GIFT of God is eternal life

Barrier 3 - Experience = No free lunch. Everything has a price.

What else would you think about the \$100 bill? = What does he want in return?

What is the price for God's salvation?

John 3:16 = The undeserved death of His only Son, Jesus

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What problem arose in the early church? = Reversionists: we must participate in earning our salvation

Acts 15:5 = Gentiles must be circumcised and obey Law (Pharisee disciples)

Why is this contrary to the gospel?

Romans 2:12 = Trust in obeying the law and you will be judged by the law

Romans 3:19-24 = No one righteous by observing the law, all have sinned and fall short

Romans 3:27-28 = Boasting is excluded; justified by faith apart from law

Galatians 2:21, 3:18 = It says that what God did through Jesus was not enough

Why did some Jews have trouble with salvation apart from the Law?

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 = God's blessings were dependent upon obedience to God's Laws

How did Jesus warn against reversion?

Mark 2:21-22 = Don't pour *new wine into old wineskins*, they won't support

Was this concept of salvation by faith a completely new approach by God since man can't earn his way?

Romans 4:1-5 = No, even Abraham was saved by God's grace through faith

How did the writers of Galatians, Hebrews and Romans respond?

Galatians 1:6-8 = deserting the gospel and turning to another

Galatians 3:1-3 = Who bewitched you? Are you trying by human effort?

Hebrews 2:1 = Pay closer attention, lest we drift away

Hebrews 13:9 = Don't be carried by strange teachings, Strength from grace not ceremony

Romans 16:17-18 = Watch for those who cause divisions and are contrary to the teaching

Figures Walking Away From Light = Reversion to Jewish traditions - Christ inadequate

Figures Stopped and Pointed Back to Light = Leaders stop reversion - saved by Christ alone

Three Scrolls = Letters to Galatians, Hebrews and Romans speak to reversion

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Galatians

Scroll Over Dead Tree = Dependence on the Law for salvation can only lead to death

Who wrote this letter and to whom?

Galatians 1:1-2 = Paul, to the churches in Galatia

Acts 14:20-21 = Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, (Pisidian) Antioch

How many of his 3 missionary journeys took him through Galatia? = Look at last week's map

Acts 16:6, 18:23 = Acts 14 is 1st, 16 is 2nd, 18 is 3rd; Letter was before 3rd

Why did Paul state his credentials before correcting the Galatians?

Galatians 1:11-12 = The gospel I preached is from God, not from man

Galatians 1:14 = Was extremely zealous for traditions, Understood law/gospel difference

Galatians 2:11 = Even opposed Peter to his face when gospel was threatened

Galatians 2:15-16 = We Jews with the law know no one is justified by observing the law

What arguments did Paul give against righteousness through the law?

Galatians 3:1-5 = Did you get the Spirit from Law or Faith?

Galatians 3:10-11 = All who rely on the law are cursed

Galatians 4:8-11 = You are becoming slaves to observing the old unsaving traditions

Galatians 4:21 = Are you aware of what the law says?

Galatians 5:3-4 = Whoever tries to be justified by the law is fallen away from Christ's grace

What did Paul say about the Jews who were leading the Galatians astray? = Serious matter

Galatians 6:12-13 = They want to circumcise you to be able to boast

Galatians 5:7-12 = I wish they would go the whole way and castrate themselves

Hebrews = Author unknown, Readers not specifically identified

Scroll Over Man in Pit = Christ is superior to all things in the old era

Man in Pit = Christ is superior to the Patriarchs and Prophets

Hebrews 1:1-2 = God used to speak through prophets, now through His Son

Hebrews 1:3-4 = Jesus is superior to the angels

Hebrews 3:3 = Jesus is superior to Moses

Green Robe = Christ's priesthood is superior to Levitical priesthood

Hebrews 4:14-15 = Our great high priest, tempted like us but without sin

Hebrews 7:23-25 = Permanent priesthood (others have died)

Hebrews 7:26-28 = Since perfect, sacrificed once and for all

Scroll = Christ is superior to the law and traditions

Hebrews 8:6-13 = Christ, as the new covenant, replaces the old

Stone Block = Christ is greater than the temple

Hebrews 9:1, 11 = Earthly sanctuary vs perfect tabernacle, not man-made

Lamb = Christ represents a better sacrifice

Hebrews 9:12-14 = Most Holy Place by his own blood, not goats...

Hebrews 9:25-26 = Not offer regular sacrifices, but himself once for all

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Romans

Scroll Over Second Man in Pit = The believer is justified by faith

Who wrote this letter and to whom?

Romans 1:1, 7a = Paul, to saints in Rome

When was this letter written? = Paul had not yet been to Rome

Romans 15:23-26 = At end of 3rd journey, before return to Jerusalem

Scrolls in Arm = Law and traditions cannot and will not save

Romans 2:25-26 = Circumcision has value only if you keep the law

Romans 3:1, 9 = No advantage for Jew, all are under sin

Romans 3:19-20 = No one righteous by observing the law

Romans 4:16 = Promise is by faith, by grace to Abraham's offspring

Grain Sheaf in Arm = Good works will not justify in God's eyes

Romans 11:5-6 = If by works, then grace would not be grace

Closing Prayer

Summary = Review picture concepts

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Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 10 and Assignment 11

Next Week - *Justification*