

The Psychology Of The Believer In Messiah
Outline – May 5, 2024
Luke 18:9-14; John 16:7-14; Romans 1:20-23

How Does One Obtain Eternal Life?
(Salvation)

- I. The most puzzling question**
 - A. Why aren't more people embracing the greatest news one could ever know?
 1. Don't give it much thought
 2. More important things to do
 3. I am about the here and now
 4. Who can know for sure?
 5. I follow the science
 6. With all the religions, who is to say who is right?
 7. I am not that bad, God knows my good works
- II. The greatest promise ever given**
 - A. John 3:16
 1. It is about God's love
 2. It is about God's gift
 3. It is about God's promise
 4. It is about God's grace
 5. It is about your future
- III. What is needed to claim this promise?**
 - A. Spirit of God working in our life
 1. Preparing our heart/soul
 2. Creating a heart/soul that is fertile
 3. A hardened heart doesn't allow the seed of grace to take root, as it rejects God's revelation
- IV. Four things God brings into our life to reveal his gift and grace**
 - A. Creation
 1. Logic: If creation, must be creator
 2. Science: Space-Time theorems
 3. Observation: Expanding universe
 4. Precision: Dark energy
 5. Laws of physics
 - B. Consciousness
 1. Right
 2. Wrong
 - C. Concern
 1. Judgment
 2. Conviction
 3. Sin/Separation
 - D. Christ/Messiah/Jesus
 1. His life

2. His death
3. His resurrection

V. The psychology (condition of the soul) of the believer

- A. Convinced of the evidence
 1. Willing to concede
 2. Willing to confess
- B. A sense of the eternal
 1. Where will you be in 50 years?
- C. A grief over sin
 1. Blessed are those who mourn
- D. A humility to admit you are wrong
 1. Spiritual bankruptcy
 2. Sinner in need of a Savior
- E. A respectful fear of judgment
- F. A willingness to surrender
- G. A desire to receive God's gift of grace

VI. A case study given by Jesus

Pharisee and publican/tax collector

- A. 7 traits of a Pharisee
 1. Cannot receive correction
 2. Won't submit to the Messiah
 3. They seek fault in others
 4. Seek to take splinter out of others eye
 5. Pride (the sin of satan)
 6. Prayer life mechanical
 7. Love to give God their resume
- B. Pharisee in the temple
 1. Tells God how great the Pharisee is
 2. He gives God his resume
- C. Publican/tax collector
 1. Hated by others
 2. In the temple
 3. Admits his problem
 4. A posture of humility
 5. His prayer life seeks mercy

VII. The results of a believer's heart

- A. Knowing God's mercy and grace
- B. Knowing God's Son and salvation
- C. Recognize we no longer face the judgment for sin
- D. The reality of Heaven for eternity
- E. In His Kingdom forever

**For Whosoever Calls On The Name Of The Lord
Shall Be Saved**