

XI. The Story to Tell

A. The condition of the lost (Ephesians 2:1; Acts 26:18; II Corinthians 4:3,4)

B. The ONLY remedy is the gospel (Romans 1:16)

C. We are to preach the gospel, not our opinions.

1. In simplicity
2. Without argument
3. In the power and conviction of the Holy Spirit

D. What is the gospel? (I Corinthians 15:3,4)

1. The fact of sin (Romans 3:23)

Illustration - The two men jumping a chasm

2. The penalty of sin...DEATH (Romans 6:23; Romans 5:12)

a. God hates sin because it robs us of so much; therefore, He decreed that the penalty should be DEATH.

b. The penalty is not to live a good life; go to church regularly.

c. Either YOU must pay that penalty, or someone must pay it for you.

3. Christ paid the penalty.

a. ONLY Christ could (Acts 4:12)

- (1) No sin of HIS own
- (2) Worth more than all who ever lived

b. Christ did. (I Peter 2:24)

4. But...we must accept.

a. We may know the facts, but we must appropriate HIM.

Illustration - A nice dinner. You must eat to benefit.

b. How do we take HIM for ourselves?

John 1:12 - "Them that believe on His name."

Believing involves more than intellectual assent.

It involves "receiving Him." Receiving Him involves REPENTANCE. One cannot be saved without repenting. To repent means to change one's mind about God, about sin, etc., and TURN from it in faith to God.

John 1:13 - “not of blood” (not by inheritance); “nor of will of flesh (self effort); “nor of will of man” (trusting some man)

“Yes, I want to turn from things and receive Christ, but how do I receive Him?” Answer: Rev. 3:20

Note: What happens to them now?

Assignment

1. Memorize Romans 3:23 and Romans 5:8
2. Enroll in Topical Memory System.
3. What are some things that characterize the condition of a person outside of Christ?
4. Write out in your own words how you would lead a person to Christ.

Unit 11 “Check-Yourself” Test

Memory Verses:

1. Romans 3:23
2. Romans 5:8

1. To what facts has Satan blinded the unsaved man? _____

2. Regarding the four points of the gospel, what point does Romans 3:23 support? _____

3. Must the penalty for our sins be paid? _____ How is it paid if we accept Christ as Saviour?

4. Does a person become saved by admitting he is a sinner and that the penalty of sin is death? _____

5. What verse could you give to show we are not saved by inheritance, self-effort, or by trusting some human being? _____

Answers To “Check-Yourself” Tests - Unit 11

1. The facts of the gospel.; 2. The fact of sin.; 3. (a) yes, (b) by Christ.; 4. No.; 5. John 1:13.