

Lesson #5—The Perspective of the Crucifixion.

Introduction

- A. In seeking to understand ourselves, it is vitally important that we constantly emphasize our total dependence on the revelation of God. Jeremiah 10:23.
- B. We have sought to understand ourselves in the light of the perspective of Creation, the Fall, divine revelation and redemption. In this lesson we will try to answer the question, "What has God said to us and about us through the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ?"
- C. The four historical deeds of God that are particularly related to redemption, the Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost, are all revelatory deeds. They are a part of the primary method employed by God to speak to us.

I. The Necessity of the Crucifixion.

A. The Biblical Position Stated.

- 1. The Crucifixion was necessary, if man is to be saved, because of the character of God. He is absolute in Truth, Love and Holiness. It would be impossible for God to forgive and to justify man without some basis whereby His character would be vindicated. That vindication occurred in the Crucifixion. What God demanded in His Truth and Holiness—He provided in His Love.

Romans 3:26—

Romans 3:31—

Romans 5:8-10—

Romans 8:3, 4—

- 2. The Crucifixion was necessary, if man is to be saved, because of the sinfulness of man. The very nature of sin, as a transgression against God, a contradiction of His Person, demands judgment.

Romans 1:19, 20—

Romans 1:32—

Romans 2:1-3—

Romans 3:19-25—

I John 3:4—

B. The Biblical Position Applied.

- 1. The authority which makes for right and wrong is found within the character of God. He is Lord.

Psalms 51:4—

Luke 6:46—

John 14:6—

Romans 3:23—

- 2. The Law of God is the expression of His character. The law was primarily given in Eden, as taught by Paul in Romans 5. God has commanded us to obey Him perfectly. Death is the penalty for disobedience.

Genesis 2:16, 17—

Matthew 5:17—

Romans 2:14, 15—

Romans 5:12-21—

Romans 6:23—

3. Jesus Christ fulfilled both the demand of the Holy Law of God and its penalty. He died in our place.

Matthew 5:17—

Romans 3:31—

Romans 5:12-21—

Romans 8:1-4—

Romans 10:4—

Galatians 3:13—

4. The Crucifixion is a testimony to the seriousness of sin. We have sinned against God! The existence of these attitudes and actions of sinfulness must be fully recognized for what they truly are. We must thoroughly repent, confess, forsake and make restitution for our sins. Any failure here will seriously hamper the success of one's spiritual life.

Psalms 66:18—

Proverbs 28:13—

Romans 2:1-6—

I Thessalonians 1:9—

I John 1:7-9—

II. The Description of the Crucifixion.

- A. The Crucifixion was a historical act, Galatians 4:4, 5.
- B. The Crucifixion was a consummative act, Acts 13:26-39.
- C. The Crucifixion was a representative act, Romans 5:6-11.
- D. The Crucifixion was a personal act, Galatians 2:20.
- E. The Crucifixion was a redemptive act, I Peter 1:18, 19.
- F. The Crucifixion was a covenantal act, Matthew 26:26-28.
- G. The Crucifixion was a revelatory act, Hebrews 1:1-3.

III. The Effects of the Crucifixion.

- A. The believer is dead to the Law, Romans 7:4, 6; Galatians 2:19.
 - 1. We are forgiven, Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 2:13.
 - 2. We are justified (declared righteous) Romans 5:1; 8:1-4.
- B. The believer is dead to sins, I Peter 2:24.
- C. The believer is dead to sin, Romans 6:2, 8, 11.
- D. The believer is dead to the flesh, Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:24.

E. The believer is dead to his old self, Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:3; II Timothy 2:11.

F. The believer is dead to the world, Galatians 6:14; Colossians 2:20.

G. The believer is delivered from Satan, Colossians 2:10, 15; Hebrews 2:14, 15.

H. The believer is delivered from physical death, I Corinthians 15:54-58.

Summary: Due to the above mentioned effects of the Crucifixion, the Bible describes the believer as follows:

1. Washed and cleansed from sin, I Corinthians 6:11; Colossians 2:11; Titus 3:5.
2. Sanctified and made holy, I Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:4; Hebrews 10:10, 14.
3. Accepted and adopted, Romans 8:15; Ephesians 1:5, 6; Galatians 4:4, 5.

Conclusion: Suggestions for memorization and application.

A. Memorize Romans 5:8 and Galatians 6:14.

B. Apply this lesson by daily making the following affirmation.

I affirm that when Jesus Christ died—I died in Him. I choose to accept and practice the truth that I am dead to sin and to the world.

OLD YOU

DEAD
GUILTY
UNHOLY
SELFISH
LUST



NEW YOU

ALIVE
FORGIVEN
HOLY
LOVING
PURITY