

Sermon Outline – October 28, 2018

God's Way is Full of Mercy and Good Deeds

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ephesians 2:1-10 Matthew 5:7

1. What is the Theological Use of The Law?

Jesus commanded, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."
Matthew 5:48

2. What is the Gospel?

3. At this point in your life, do you think you need to hear more the Law or the Gospel? Examine the reasons for your answer.

4. How does this passage show the Law-Gospel tension?

The Law:

As for you, you were _____ in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV)

All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. Ephesians 2:3 (NLT)

The Gospel:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in _____, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

God's way in relationships is _____.

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do _____, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

5. To get what I want most in my relationships, show the same mercy to others that God shows to me in Jesus and do what is good and right in my relationships.

6. Jesus taught, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
Matthew 5:7
How does this teaching show both the Law and the Gospel?

7. Next Step: You are invited to complete and post your

Personal Reformation Thesis

Merciful God, I desire to take a step of personal reformation in my life. I have not lived up to your values and been selfish in my relationships with others. I need your forgiveness. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins and rose again to give me eternal life. I now receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord, accept your gift of eternal salvation and surrender my whole life to you for you to reform my life. Help me treat others with mercy and good deeds. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.