

CONFIDENT FAITH: FREEDOM

Sermon Outline – April 23, 2017

Romans 8:1-4

1. One gift of the resurrection of Jesus is living a _____ now.
2. One characteristic of this new life is having a _____ to face the experiences in life where we are left feeling ...
 - _____ when we think we are not good enough.
 - _____ when we think we are never going to change.
 - _____ when life is so hard.
 - _____ when it seems no one cares enough to understand.
3. The Joyous Exchange:
 - When he died on the cross Jesus _____ all the brokenness in our lives for his glorious new life.
4. When Jesus rose from the dead he gave us a new life of confident faith that is marked by ...
 - _____ from condemnation of feeling inadequate.
 - _____ over the frustration of thinking that we are never going to change. God lives in us to change us.
 - _____ that in all things God works for our good.
 - Eternal _____ that nothing can separate us from God.
5. First barrier to a confident faith: The experience of feeling inadequate when I think I am not good enough. What are the feelings that come with this experience?
6. God removes this barrier when he breathes into me this new life:
Therefore, _____ no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1
 - I have been _____ from all condemnation.
 - What changed to bring about this new reality?
 - What does it mean for me that there is no condemnation when I am in Christ Jesus?

- 1) God is not _____ with me.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103: 8, 13-1
- 2) God does not _____ me.
God has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, for his mercy toward those who fear and honor him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.

Psalm 103:10-1
- 3) God does not _____ me.
For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance. Psalm 94:14
- 4) God does not _____ from me.
"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1
 - This is for those who are _____.
What does this mean?
7. What if I can't shake this feeling of being inadequate because I still think I am not enough? How can I feel free from this oppression?
 - A hard and wonderful truth: I _____, but God _____.
 - Breathe this in: Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2
The law of spirit of life _____ the law of sin and death.
8. Next Steps:
 - _____ that I have been set free from all condemnation. Say this: "There is now no condemnation for me because I am in Christ Jesus. Repeat this as often as you need to trust this truth.
 - Identify someone that you perceive needs to be encouraged with the truth of "no condemnation". Pray that God will give you a natural opportunity to encourage that person with this great truth.