

## Sermon Scriptures

### Point #1

We know that the ultimate aim as Christians is perfect unity with God.

Galatians 1:11–13 (ESV): 11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

Matthew 16:15–18 (ESV): 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Mark 12:29–31 (ESV): "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

John 17:15–20 & 26 ESV <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them <sup>2</sup> in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, <sup>3</sup> that they also may be sanctified <sup>4</sup> in truth. <sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me...

1 Corinthians 9:19–27 (ESV): 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I

became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 Chronicles 28:9–10 (ESV):**9** “And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. **10** Be careful now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it.”

1 Kings 3:3–12 (ESV):**3** Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. **4** And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5** At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” **6** And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. **7** And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. **8** And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. **9** Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” **10** It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. **11** And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, **12** behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

## **Point # 2**

“Satan does not need to sever our relationship with Jesus in order to do damage. He just needs us to believe that Jesus is willing share space in our hearts.”

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind (*single-mindedness*). Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

“Our beliefs are the gateways to our heart, and our loves drive us.”

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV): Keep your heart with all vigilance,

for from it flow the springs of life.

Psalm 32:1–5 (ESV): Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**2**

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**3**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**4**

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up [b] as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

**5**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

**Point #3**

Repentance brings about sober mindedness and restoration to our divided hearts.  
Leaving room for our affections to be stirred again for God and his people.