

Lesson 5: The Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

Introduction:

- The God of the Bible
 - The Authority of Jesus Christ
 - The Claims of Jesus Christ
 - Confronted by Jesus Christ

Preview:

- The Sufficiency of Jesus Christ
 - Another important question
 - Jesus' teaching on sin
 - Jesus' teaching on judgment
 - Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection
 - Jesus' sufficiency

Sermon:

Who is Jesus Christ is an eternally important question. It is a question that has one of two answers of which are bogged down in scholarly and public opinion. The two answers are He is God or He is not.

- If Jesus Christ is not God
 - Some will say He was a prophet
 - A supreme example of love and moralism
 - Those individuals will usually reject His claims and due to Christ's humble acts of love they will neglect His extreme claims of deity.
 - Egotistical
 - Prideful
 - Slightly out-of-touch with reality
- If Jesus Christ is God
 - He is God
 - His is love, He is just and right
 - His claims are true and His humble acts of love are light
 - His claims our necessary for our understanding not egotistical
 - His claims are truthful to reveal our error and insufficiency
 - If Jesus Christ is God another extremely important questions joins and actually proceeds from the question who is Jesus Christ, that is,
 - ***why did Jesus Christ come to this earth?***

Jesus' teaching on sin

- **Joh_8:21** Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

- **Joh_8:24** I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
- Jesus taught that men are sinners who sin and thus man will die.
 - More importantly, Christ talks about dying "in your sins".
 - That is your sins are not forgiven
 - The wages your sins have not been paid for
- **Luke 5:17-26**
 - Man with palsy sins forgiven

Jesus' teaching on judgment

- Christ on numerous occasions spoke of "the danger of the judgment", "the day of judgment", and the corresponding "hell fire" of the pending judgment.
 - Why "fire"?
 - Fire is that which surrounds God in view of how "holy, holy, holy" He is
 - Thus that "hell fire" will separate you from the presence of God
 - **Joh_5:22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:
 - **Joh_5:27** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.
 - **Joh_5:30** I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
 - **Joh_8:16** And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.
 - **Rom 2:16** In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection

- **John 3:14-18** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: {15} That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. {16} For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. {17} For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. {18} He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- Christ manifest He had power to "forgive sins", but this raises another question on what basis, especially on what legal basis.
 - If God forgives the sins of the sinner without punishment He is unjust
 - This forgiveness would only be beneficial toward the sinner, but not toward

the one being sin against.

- Any judge that simply pardons without penalty would lose his/her seat of judgment for just would not have been met, and injustice would reign.
- How is it that God "forgive" the sins of the sinner and be just at the same time?
- **Romans 3:23-26 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; {24} Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: {25} Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; {26} To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**
 - Man has sinned and therefore come short of the glory of God. We have not escape in and of ourselves, thus without salvation we will die in our sins. So we believe in Christ, especially that He is the Savior.
 - Jesus Christ is God and as God He could pay our ransom price by being our substitute. The ransom price "danger of judgment" at "the day of judgment" of "hell fire" forever. Only God could meet such price.
 - Jesus Christ "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" was "set forth" by the Godhead to satisfy God's wrath, judgment, condemnation against you upon Jesus Christ.
 - Christ bore His Father's eternal wrath reserved for you and He victoriously did it. God gave assurance of His just pending judgment and His just redemption both in Christ in that Christ rose again from the dead.
 - The sufficiency of Jesus Christ is first understanding in the gospel of Jesus Christ in that He paid the wages of your sins on the Cross. Paid them fully and completely manifest in resurrection and now offers that redemption, that forgiveness, that salvation, that justification unto you as a free gift.
 - You don't need to move a muscle, pray a prayer, go to church, give a tithe, do any good works - instead you do that which isn't a work - you place your faith in the redemption in Christ Jesus - that Jesus as God paid the debt and penalty of your sins on the cross.
 - The sufficiency of Jesus Christ is that which you believe in His death, burial, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sin - so you won't die in your sins - He forgives all your sin, gives you His righteousness, and therefore you will not die in your sins. You will die in Christ's righteousness, in the forgiveness of your sins and have the joy heaven's glory.
 - Beloved, believe Christ died and rose again for your sins TODAY!

The Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

- "sufficient" - equal to the end proposed

- When the end of our sins is eternal damnation Christ "sufficiency" is great
- **2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:**
 - God has all the grace in Christ to abound toward you
 - That is, "always" "having" "all sufficiency"
 - That is for every situation and circumstance, every decision you need to make, etc God's grace in Christ by the Word of God is sufficient.
 - The sufficiency of Christ grants you the opportunity to abound to every good work to God's glory for He is worthy.
 - Who is the Creator, what is He like - we know Him and what He is like because Christ manifest Him, being the express image of God's person and to such sufficient degree that He died or rose to pay the debt and penalty of your sins.
 - What love, what salvation, what glory, what the God!

Conclusion:

- I hope you will join us in future series about God, about Jesus Christ, in the Bible
- If you have any questions contact us we would love to "help" you.
- Until next time....look up!