

Laborers in the Vineyard

The Parables of Jesus

INTRODUCTION

- In the Good Samaritan parable, we see that that God himself is the sta_____ by which love, gr_____, mercy and compassion are to be measured.
 - In Matthew 19:16-30 we see that the standard of good is not how good _____ are, but how good _____ is. "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good."
 - Given how "good" the rich man seemed, what question did the disciples ask Jesus?
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GOD SEEKS US

- There are a number of parables that start off with "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." Each of the parables uses an earthly image but points to _____ meaning.
- In the Laborers in the Vineyard, we see that:
 - God is the _____ of everything. He is sov_____ over everything.
 - It is God who goes out to _____ the ones to enter into his vineyard.

GOD DESIRES THE KINGDOM TO BE FILLED

- The workers would be considered d____-workers. They would be p____, not rich.
- The Lord seeks to have those enter into the Kingdom of God even up to the la____ h_____. (See also the parable of the Great Banquet)

GOD'S GRACE IS OUR ONLY REWARD

- When was there a time when you thought things weren't "fair?" _____
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- Any reward from God comes from His gen_____. And n____-o_____ can earn His generosity.
 - Another word for God's generosity is: Gr_____.
 - What is the answer to the question: Who can be saved? Who can enter into the kingdom of God? _____

HEAR THE WORD, APPLY THE WORD

In this life, we want fairness and justice on own terms. And many people strive to enter heaven on their own terms. Yet there is one and only one way to enter in: By the gr_____ of God through fa_____ in Jesus Christ.



Sermon Notes

How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

Scripture Readings

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Exodus 34:1-7

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Romans 3:21-28

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Matthew 20:1-16

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The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that in the Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who are baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

 Learn more on how to prepare for
The Lord's Supper