

Squaw Creek Baptist Church Marion, IA
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Sermon Outline 5/1/2011

Bible Passage: Romans 3:9-23; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Message Title: “Where Is The Difference?”

Introduction:

1. Apart from Christ, we are all the _____.
Consider the inmates of a prison.
2. With Christ we are all the _____.
If everyone possessed salvation we would all be the same; Children of God.
3. The fact of the matter:
Christians will be different!

Proposition: If you really possess salvation you will be changed; so does it show?

I. For There Is No Difference, (Romans 3:9-23).

A. The universality of man’s sin, (3:10-18).

1. In character, (3:10-12).
2. In conversation, (3:13-14).
3. In conduct, (3:15-18).

B. The condemnation because of man’s sin, (3: 19-20).

1. Under the Law, (3:19a)
 - a. The Jews had the _____ Law through Moses, (3:2).
 - b. The Gentiles had the works of the Law written in their hearts, (Romans 2:15).
2. All are guilty before God, (3:19b-20).
 - a. All mouths are stopped.

1. There are no _____ to give.
2. There is nothing you can do on your own, (3:20).

C. We are all the same, (3:21-23).

1. God's righteousness through Christ is good, enough for all, (3:21-22a).
2. All of us have the same deadly _____ (3:22b-23).

II. **After Christ There Will Be A Difference, (2 Cor. 5:17).**

A. An encounter with the living God changes you!

1. The shining face of Moses, (Ex. 33:18-23; 34:29-35).
2. The repentance and restoration of Job, (Job 42:1-16).
3. David; Israel's songwriter and musician.
4. Isaiah the prophet of God, (Isaiah 6:1-8).
5. Peter, (John 6:67-68).
6. The _____ of the apostle Paul (Acts 9:1-9).

B. A re-examination of the text, (2 Corinthians 5:17).

1. Anyone.....
 - a. The gospel is available to all, (John 3:16).
2. In Christ.....
 - a. An encounter with the living God.
 - b. The imputed _____ of Christ.
 - c. Saved!!!
3. New Creation.....
 - a. A new level of _____.
 - b. Regeneration.
 - c. New Birth.
4. Old things passed away.....
 - a. A new _____.
5. All things new.
 - a. A continuing condition of fact.
 - b. Faith that produces works, (Eph. 2:10; James 2:14-16).

Conclusion:

Are you the same?
Are you different?