

Aveleigh's 4th Sunday in Lent March 26 2017

Your Year of Worship

Series: Greatest Words of the Bible

Sermon: PRECIOUS SALVATION Text Res.Ps. 118;15-28 p. 1150 & Mat. 27:45-45

"At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. At about three o'clock, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'"

Matthew

27:45-46 (NLT)

1. WHAT HAPPENED? 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' Which means "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me."

"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2 (NIV)

"God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!" 2 Corinthians 5:21 (LB)

2. WHAT DOES IT TEACH US?

1. GOD IS HOLY! *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."* Revelation 4:8 (NIV)

"Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong." Habakkuk 1:13 (NIV)

2. ALL SIN IS UGLY!

SIN ALIENATES ME FROM GOD, *"Your evil has separated you from your God and your sins have caused him to turn away from you, so he does not hear you."* Is. 59:2 (NCV)

SIN DISTRESSES ME, *"My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear."* Psalm 38:4 (NIV)

SIN CONDEMNS ME, *"God is a righteous judge and always condemns the wicked."* Psalm 7:11 (TEV)

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 (NIV)

3. SALVATION IS COSTLY. “God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God’s anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us.” Romans 3:25

“Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.” Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

4. WHAT SHOULD BE MY RESPONSE?

A. TURN FROM MY SIN & TRUST JESUS TO SAVE ME

“We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.” Romans 3:22

“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for our sins is left.” Hebrews 10:26 (NIV)

B. LIVE IN A STATE OF GRATITUDE

“Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.” Romans 5:11 (NLT)

C. WHEN TEMPTED, REMEMBER WHAT MY SIN COST JESUS

“God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. The ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NLT)

D. TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS!

“God is patient for your sake. He doesn’t want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.” 2 Peter 3:9 (GW)

Dear God, I am humbled by what we talked about and learned today. That you, not just created me, but that you sent your Son to die for me when I didn’t even know about it – when I was alienated, and I was distressed, and I was condemned by my own words and actions. You took initiative. And I thank you, Jesus Christ, for sacrificing your life for me. Thank you, Jesus, for being separated from God so that we could be united to God. I want the rest of my life to be dedicated in gratitude to you. And I humbly pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FOUR FOR YOUR ROAD AHEAD: 1. What happened at The Cross?

2. What does that teach us about God?

3. Why is sin ugly?

4. How will you respond to this Precious Salvation?

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Prayer of confession

God of grace, hear our prayer. Today we confess our pride. We confess that we make judgments upon others who are worthy of your mercy. We think we know who is deserving of your love. The truth is none of us are deserving, and yet you have extended salvation to each of us -- every man, woman and child upon this earth. Forgive us for not loving as you have loved. Give us eyes to see humankind as you see them -- lost and in need of You. Use us to bring your grace and mercy to all the world. We love you and thank you for the gift of our salvation. Amen.