

4-30-2023 Sunday Sermon Message

Meditations of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: Psalm 119:25-32

Speech title: A life of purifying the soul by obeying the word of truth

King David confessed that he was created in sin in his mother's womb after he had committed adultery and murder:

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm 51:5 KJV)

Because of this, he cried out to the Lord realizing his soul had no choice but to follow the temptations of the sinful flesh because his soul was attached to the body of sin made of dust:

¶ My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. (Psalm 119:25 KJV)

King David begged for salvation of his soul:

¶ To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David. O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long? Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake. For in death *there is no* remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks? I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. (Psalm 6:1-7 KJV)

He praised God's Word after his soul was quickened by it:

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. (Psalm 56:4 KJV) In God will I praise *his*

word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word. (Psalm 56:10 KJV)

According to David's confession, all people are born as sinners with sins in their hearts in the flesh due to the sins of the first man Adam. God created man in his own image and likeness, breathed his spirit into him, and he became a living soul. Unfortunately, because sin came in, the spirit died, and the living soul became attached to the body of sin, forcing it to commit sins.

Apostle Paul testified that although all people had the body of sin and were unable to see the glory of God, they could be restored to life again by grace through the word of Christ, the only way:

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (Romans 3:23-24 KJV)

King David, whose soul was saved from being stuck in the dust by the word of God, gave thanks to God:

¶ A Psalm *and* Song at the dedication of the house of David. I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. (Psalm 30:1-3 KJV)

The apostle Paul testified of the gospel of Christ, which the New Testament saints must be saved by:

¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16 KJV)

Apostle Peter testified about what must be saved when believing in the gospel of Christ:

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. (1 Peter 1:8-9 KJV)

Upon birth, like King David, everyone's souls are attached to the body of sin and they are in a position where they have no choice but to perish after committing sins for the rest of their lives. That soul must be separated from the body of sin and get saved.

Apostle Paul testified that the soul is freed from the body of sin and saved only by the word of God:

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 KJV)

The apostle Paul testified of the circumcision of Christ, when the word of God enters into the believer when he believed in the gospel of salvation, separating the soul from the body of sin as he is saved.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:9-12 KJV)

The Apostle Paul also testified of whose souls were saved through the circumcision of Christ and came to live in Christ:

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17-19 KJV)

Therefore, Christians who have received salvation of their soul through the circumcision of Christ and are born again of the Holy Spirit must live a holy life until the day of Christ arrives:

For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 KJV)

The apostle Peter testified that Christians must live holy lives by purifying their souls:

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently: (1 Peter 1:22 KJV)

The Apostle Paul, when writing to the church in Ephesus, also exhorted them to be purified:

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it

should be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:26-27 KJV)

He also testified about the lives of those who belong to Christ who will partake in the rapture when he wrote to the saints in Galatia:

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (Galatians 5:24 KJV)

Amen! Hallelujah!