

INTRODUCTION

- * For the past ten weeks, we have been considering "The Marks of a Healthy Church." As we have considered various passages of Scripture, we have seen that there are four primary areas of interaction in the body: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, and Stewardship. In all of these areas though there ought to be a desire for unity and for the involvement of all of the body. The church is not social club, it is a spiritual fellowship (or even stronger - unit).
- * The first two messages came from Acts 2 and 4. In those messages, David pointed out that the foundation of the church is Christ, and then building blocks of the church. Discipleship is one of those core building blocks. Discipleship is literally "teaching someone the teachings of a teacher" or "disciplining someone in the disciplines of a discipler". The first step of "discipleship" is conversion. This is the exhortation and command of Christ ... that we MAKE DISCIPLES ... by GOING, BAPTIZING, and TEACHING.
- * Evangelism isn't just the "job" of the pastor ... or the "evangelist." We are all called upon to go. Are you willing to trust God ... and obey? People need the Lord!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE EX_____ (cf. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8)

II. THE EX_____

A. The Claims

B. The Truth (cf. Numbers 11:23; Ephesians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 3:7; Matthew 9:37-38; Acts 2:46-47; 4:23-24,31; 8:4)

III. THE EX_____

A. Preliminary Questions

1. IF YOU WERE TO DIE TODAY, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?
2. IF YOU WERE TO DIE AND STAND BEFORE GOD, AND HE ASKED YOU, "WHY SHOULD I ALLOW YOU INTO MY HEAVEN?" WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

B. Presentation - ROMANS 6:23

WAGES

Payment for work performed

SIN

Disobedience to God

cf. Romans 3:23; 5:12; Exodus 20:3-17

DEATH

Separation - Physical, Social, Spiritual

cf. Genesis 2:16-17; 3:8,12,19,23

cf. Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15

GIFT

An item bestowed without payment

cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:23-24

GOD

The Creator of the heavens and the earth

cf. Isaiah 45:18; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; John 3:16

ETERNAL LIFE

Existence forever in the presence of God

*** All will exist eternally ***

cf. Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46

cf. John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13

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CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD

cf. Romans 10:9-10; Acts 4:12; 16:31

INTROSPECTION

- * WITNESSING / EVANGELIZING BEGINS WITH A DESIRE AND WILLINGNESS TO GO? ARE YOU WILLING?
- * REPRESENTING CHRIST REQUIRES A COMMITMENT OF TIME AND EFFORT? ARE YOU COMMITTED?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Write out your testimony. How did you come to know Jesus? Did someone witness to you?
- * Quote Romans 6:23 to one another. Explain the verse to someone else.
- * Find an accountability partner with whom to begin memorizing scripture.

* **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

* **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

* **Exodus 20:3-17** ... the Ten Commandments ...

* **Genesis 2:16-17** ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

* **Genesis 3:8** And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

* **Genesis 3:12** Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

* **Genesis 3:19** In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

* **Genesis 3:23** therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

* **Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

* **Revelation 20:11-15** ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

* **Ephesians 2:8-9** ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

* **Romans 3:23-24** ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

* **Isaiah 45:18** For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

* **1 Timothy 2:3-4** ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

* **John 3:16-17** ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

* **Daniel 12:2** And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

* **Matthew 25:46** And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

* **1 John 5:11-13** ¹¹ And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

* **Romans 10:9-10** ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

* **Acts 4:12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

* **Acts 16:31** So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."