

## Sermon Notes and Journal Page 5/10/15

### 1 - You are \_\_\_\_\_

A - What did Jesus come to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Let me ask you a slightly different question: Is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel found in the atonement of sin, or does atonement open the for to the power of the Gospel?

#### **John 3:3-6**

When we accept Christ we are \_\_\_\_\_ of the spirit: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In order to understand this verse you have to go all the way back to Genesis 2&3

When God created He \_\_\_\_\_ to nothing and what He wanted manifested. When He made life He spoke to what He wanted it \_\_\_\_\_ from, \_\_\_\_\_ by, and \_\_\_\_\_ to.

#### **B - Genesis 2:7**

- *“Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground (\_\_\_\_\_): made from dirt, sustained by dirt and will return to dirt)*
- *He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils (\_\_\_\_\_): The actual breath of God, this is what sets apart from all other life on the planet)*
- *and the man became a living person.”<sup>(NLT)</sup> (\_\_\_\_\_): What makes you, you. The sum of all your choices, likes and dislikes, the uniqueness of who you are)*
- In Genesis 3 we read about the fall of man and sin entering the world.
  - Adam and Eve are warned that if they eat the forbidden fruit that will die....Did they die?
    - **Genesis 1:26** *Then God said, “let us make man in our image”*
      - So, lets think about this for a second: what are you?

Are you Dirt, or Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

- According to the Darwinian viewpoint you are nothing more than complicated pond scum. If thats the case we might as well stop now and go live our live in whatever way we want.
- The truth is that we are spiritual beings:
- When we come to Christ we receive a spiritual rebirth
  - Where does that spirit come from? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What sustains this new living spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When we die, where does this spirit go? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **C - 2 Corinthians 5:17** *“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature”*

- To be made into something that was not there before.
- The context is to be returned to it’s original form.
  - When you come to Christ, you literally start over with a clean slate
  - How many of you think that is just awesome, and how many of you are wondering **“if that is so than why do I still deal with all of this stuff in my life?”**

## 2 - The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

A - The rebirth of the spirit, does not mean the death of the soul.

- For your whole life up to the point of salvation you have made decisions based on what you wanted, your likes and dislikes, what you thought was right or wrong.
- Now, all of a sudden, there is a new voice in your life and it wants to control.
  - The Spirit of God that is now alive inside of you is doing everything it can to get you to follow a path lead by the Spirit of God.
  - The Spirit of God is not going to knock you out and drag you down the narrow road.
  - You have to make the choice to walk that road every day, one choice at a time.

B - **2 Corinthians 4:1-2** <sup>1</sup> *Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up.* <sup>2</sup> *We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.* <sup>(NLT)</sup>

**Romans 12:2<sup>a</sup>** *do not be conformed - be transformed...*

- Learning to \_\_\_\_\_ Gods way
- As we learn to think according to Gods way we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of our old life.

## 3 - The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 4:5-7** <sup>5</sup> *You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake.* <sup>6</sup> *For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.* <sup>7</sup> *We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.* <sup>(NLT)</sup>

- Does that sound like the description of the chosen, or special? NO
  - It's not our job to tell God how to use us, **it is our job to allow God to use us in whatever way He sees fit.**

B - Just an empty container

- Who can tell me what this is?
  - This container has little, or no value of its own.
  - It only has value when it is being used to transport something else.
  - In order for it to be useful it needs to:
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1 - Clean \_\_\_\_\_

2 - Empty \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Available \_\_\_\_\_