

2020 Introduction ~ You Are: Forgiven

Introduction: _____

1 - The Power of Pauls Writings

A - A common miss-understanding _____

On our own, we are completely incapable of living a life worthy of heaven. _____

“The Gospels are the central truth on which all of our beliefs rest, and the lens through which all of scripture is understood” _____

B - The Rest of the New Testament _____

C - What we all would like:
A clear - step by step - outline - of what we are supposed to do, and what we are not supposed to do.
What is pleasing to God, and what is not. The problem is that this is not what God has provided us. _____

First: There is nothing in the Bible that was written specifically to 21st century American Christians. _____

Second: Everything in the Bible is applicable to 21st Century American Christians. _____

We have to know what it meant to them, before we can know how to apply it to us. _____

2 - Pauls writings, and our journey throughout the year

A - The reason we are focusing in on Paul this year. Paul wrote more than half of the New Testament. All of his writings are directed at correcting the thinking, theology, and behavior, of the first century church.

His concerns were two fold:

1st - preserving the integrity of the Gospel Message:

2nd - To help Christians learn how to live everyday as a walking testimony of the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 2:8-9

B - The first part of our year we will be focusing on the early letters of Paul

Galatians - 1&2 Thessalonians - 1&2 Corinthians - Romans

Conclusions:

Romans 10:9 *that if you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be delivered.(CJB)*

1 Corinthians 6:11b *But you have cleansed yourselves, you have been set apart for God, you have come to be counted righteous through the power of the Lord Yeshua the Messiah and the Spirit of our God.(CJB)*

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 *17 Therefore, if anyone is united with the Messiah, he is a new creation—the old has passed; look, what has come is fresh and new! 18 And it is all from God, who through the Messiah has reconciled us to himself and has given us the work of that reconciliation, 19 which is that God in the Messiah was reconciling mankind to himself, not counting their sins against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore we are ambassadors of the Messiah; in effect, God is making his appeal through us. What we do is appeal on behalf of the Messiah, “Be reconciled to God! (CJB)*