

Sunday, October 27, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: The essential for Life in the Spirit

Series: Life in the Spirit ... 2

Text: John 3:1 - 21

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to CONFESS FAITH in Christ Jesus and to INVITE the Holy Spirit to empower them to DAILY walk in the SPIRIT.

Introduction:

Last Sunday’s devotional was from the first message that Jesus preached; it was short and to the point,

Matthew 4:17 – *“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.””*

~ 1) Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand; 2) Repentance from the Natural State; 3) Repentance from Personal Trespasses; 4) Repentance from Missed Placed Focus

~ Repent: Revelation 9:20 – 21, 16:11

~ Hebrews 11:6, *“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”*

Compare Hebrews 3:19, 4:2 - 3

1. Christ Jesus Command:

~ John 3:3 – 8

~ Compare: John 1:12 – 13, *“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God.”*

1 John 2:29, *“If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”*

1 John 3:9 – 10, *“No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. (10) By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.”*

1 John 4:7 – 8 and 5:1 - 5

~ “again” means: from above, from a higher place, of the things which come from heaven or God

2. Characteristics of Natural Mankind:

~ Ephesians 2:1 – 10
vs. 1, “were dead”

vs. 2, *“walked...the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—”*

vs. 3, *“and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”*

vs. 5, *“even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—”*

~ 1 Corinthians 2:14 – 16

~ Romans 8:6 – 8

3. Characteristics of Born Again Mankind:

~ Romans 8:12 – 17

~ vs. 12, “we are debtors” see Romans 1:14

~ vs. 14, *“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”*

~ vs. 15, *“but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba Father!”*

~ vs. 16, *“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”*

~ vs. 17, *“and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,”*

~ John 14:6, *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

~ John 6:44 – 51

~ Jude 1:1, *“Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James. To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: (2) May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”*

Conclusion:

Galatians 5:16 – 24

Galatians 5:25, *“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”*