



Outline - Sunday, July 23, 2017

Sermon Title: “The Gospel Is For Poor Men”

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-27

1. The *Inquiry* of Eternal Life Considered: (v 17-18)

- a. WHAT is the question? Obtaining eternal life
- b. WHO raises the question? A Rich (v 22), Young (Matt 19:22), Ruler (Luke 18:18)
- c. HOW he raises the question:
 - i) With urgency
 - ii) With respect
 - iii) With a false notion about “Goodness”:
 - Only God is good - Goodness, an absolute: 1 Sam 2:2/Ps 86:5; 119:68
 - No man is good, by nature: Rom 3:10-12; 3:23/Eccl 7:20
 - If Christ is “good,” He must be God in the flesh! John 5:41-44; 1:1-3; 10:30; 14:7; 15:24

2. The *Difficulty* of God’s Law Applied: (v 19-20)

- a. Jesus applies the Law to show the man his sin: lawfully - 1 Tim 1:8/ Rom 3:20/John 18:6
- b. The graciousness of Christ to work with him: The 2nd Table only = “Love your neighbor...” (Matt 19:19)
“do not defraud”: Rom 13:8/Matt 5:38-48/John 13:34-35; 15:14-17/1 John 3:11-17; 4:7-12
- c. The man sought to hide his “moral difficulty” - “Which?” Matt 19:18 What do I lack?

3. The *Reality* of the Rich Man’s Lack Exposed: (v 21-22)

- a. The “Lack” of “Perfection” means the need for Conversion: Matt 19:21/1 Cor 2:6-9/Matt 5:48
 - You must be born again: John 3:3-5
 - Made an heir by faith in Christ alone: Rom 10:3-4/Gal 3:22-29; 4:1-7
- b. The Call of Christ to Repentance and Faith: (v 21)
- c. His rejection of the “love” of the Truth: v 22/Eph 4:15/2 Thess 2:10

4. The *Impossibility* of the Lesson Explained: (v 23-27)

- a. He was not spiritually poor: Matt 5:3/James 2:5/Rev 3:17
- b. A Warning to the Disciples (v 23-25) - Another Defector Among them!
- c. The Hope: God’s sovereign mercy and power alone!