

Sermon Summary 05/24/2015

2 Corinthians 13:14 – “Experiencing the Triune God of Grace, Love, & Fellowship” by Drew Hunter

In Short: We experience the grace of Jesus, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit because these truths make up the core of the heart of God.

Sunday's Outline

I. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

- A. Jesus was (and still is) the friend of sinners (2 Corinthians 8:9).
- B. Grace is not just the key to turn on the car; it's the fuel.

II. The Love of God the Father

- A. It is shown most clearly in sending Jesus to us to die. The cross is the proof!
- B. Jesus didn't come merely to appease God's wrath. He was sent by the Father in love.

III. The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

- A. The Spirit *applies* our salvation to our hearts.
- B. The Spirit works to open our eyes to see the love of the Father and the grace of Christ.

Quotes

“What is signified in each part of this benediction is the sum of all the good that Christians have by the redemption of Christ.” -Jonathan Edwards

“This contains three clauses in which the sum of our salvation consists.” -John Calvin

“God does not love our sinning, but He loves us in our sin.” -John Owen

Help for Understanding & Application

1) In his sermon on Sunday, Drew said, “Grace is the oxygen of the Christian life.” Explain what he means. What role does grace play in a person initially receiving salvation? What role does grace play in our daily lives after we've been a Christian for 5, 10, or 50+ years?

2) Are you able to go immediately to the Lord, ask for His grace, and know that He gives it right after you've sinned? What is going on in your heart when you think of doing this? If you've done it already, what was your reaction to that gospel truth gaining traction in your heart?

3) Imagine you are having a conversation with an unbeliever in your family or at work. This person, having some knowledge of the Bible, says that the God of the Old Testament seems to be a God of wrath until Jesus came and appeased it. How would you lovingly correct this person's skewed impression of God the Father?

4) “God does not love you because Christ died for you; Christ died for you because God loves you.” Where in Scripture is this truth statement supported?

5) While reflecting on the entirety of this sermon series, how would you answer the following question: Why do benedictions exist in the Bible?

6) How do you plan to incorporate these biblical benedictions into your daily life?