**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Many of us have a limited view of the Gospel.
   2. The word “Gospel” means “good news.”
      1. The word “Gospel” is used approximately ninety times in the Bible.
         1. The Bible is the good news of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
   3. There is no good news without bad news.
      1. It is the bad news that makes the good news good.
      2. Many Christians have failed to tell the bad news, so people are not ready for the good news.
   4. People don’t want to hear the word “sin” anymore.
      1. Sin is the bad news.
      2. Today, we have substituted and found euphemisms for sin.
         1. We call it error, misjudgment or weakness.
         2. We have new labels for old poison.
            1. A man is no longer a thief, he’s an embezzler.
            2. A person is not a drunkard, they’re an alcoholic.
      3. There is a behavioristic school of psychology today that says that a person is just the sum total of his body chemistry and the environment in which he is living.
         1. So, whatever happens to him, he may be pitied but not blamed.
            1. Perhaps he was reared in the wrong neighborhood or had an unhappy childhood.
      4. The evolutionist tells us that man is just an accident of nature.
         1. Since he is an accident and has evolved, then there’s no need for God.
         2. If there’s no God, then there’s no fixed standard of right or wrong.
         3. If there’s no fixed standard of right or wrong, then there’s no sin.
         4. If there’s no sin, then there’s no need for the Gospel.
            1. There’s no bad news, so who needs the good news?
      5. The humanists tell us that sin is the invention of the church to keep everyone in line.
         1. That’s the reason many liberal preachers today don’t preach on sin.
         2. Humanistic thinking makes man the center of everything.
   5. People don’t understand the bad news, so they’re not ready for the good news.
   6. Romans 5:6-9
      1. This is the good news.
   7. There are three words or phrases that are key in Romans 5:
      1. “One”
         1. This word is used many times in this passage:
            1. Romans 5:12
            2. Romans 5:15
            3. Romans 5:16
            4. Romans 5:17
            5. Romans 5:18
            6. Romans 5:19
         2. We are identified with one man.
            1. That one man may be Adam.

Those identified with Adam are lost and on the road to Hell.

* + - * 1. That one man may be Jesus.

Those identified with Jesus are saved and on their way to Heaven.

* + - 1. Everyone is linked to one man.
         1. In Adam, all die.
         2. In Christ, all are made alive.
      2. We are in Adam by our first birth.
      3. We are in Jesus by our new birth.
         1. Everyone was born into Adam.
         2. Then, we are born again into the Lord Jesus Christ.
      4. If you are without Christ today, then you are not now in the image of God.
         1. You are now in the image of Adam; you are in Adam.
         2. Adam was made in the image of God, but then the image of God was marred and ruined by sin.

Then, the Bible says that Adam brought forth a son after his likeness and in his image.

Genesis 5:3

And now we are in the image of Adam.

* + - * 1. What God has created has been wrecked and ruined.

There has been a fall.

* + - 1. We are all offspring of Adam and are in the image of Adam.
         1. When we are born again, we take on a new image, the spiritual image of the Lord Jesus Christ.
         2. We have inherited the proclivities and the sinful disposition of Adam.
         3. If we are condemned by Adam (one man), then thankfully we can be saved by Jesus (one man).

It is wise and gracious that God allowed Adam, our federal head, to stand for us, so that Jesus, our resurrected Lord, might also stand for us.

* + 1. “Reign”
       1. To reign means to rule.
       2. This word is used five times in our Scripture:
          1. Romans 5:14
          2. Romans 5:17
          3. Romans 5:21
       3. There are two kingdoms:
          1. A kingdom of death and destruction.
          2. A kingdom of love, light and life.

Everyone is in one of these two kingdoms today.

Adam is the head of the old kingdom.

Jesus is the head of the new kingdom.

We get into this new kingdom by being born again.

* + 1. “Much more”
       1. This phrase is used five times in our Scripture:
          1. Romans 5:9
          2. Romans 5:10
          3. Romans 5:15
          4. Romans 5:17
          5. Romans 5:20
       2. We are in Adam; and when we get saved, we come into Christ.
          1. We came from the kingdom and the reign of death into the kingdom and the reign of life.
       3. We gained much more in Jesus than we ever lost in Adam.
          1. It is better to live in Romans 5 than in the Garden of Eden.
          2. It is better to be a saved sinner than an innocent angel.
          3. This is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. what we lost in adam (romans 5:6-10)
   1. Romans 5:6
   2. In Adam, we lost strength, and now we display weakness.
      1. The sinner is without strength.
         1. This is referring to moral and spiritual strength.
      2. We do not have in Adam what it takes to be what God made us to be.
      3. You cannot tell an unsaved person to just do right, live right and be good.
         1. He can’t.
         2. He is without strength.
            1. He doesn’t have what it takes.
      4. We are completely, totally without power to live the Christian life in Adam.
   3. We lost godliness and devise wickedness.
      1. Romans 5:6-8
         1. The Bible says that we’re sinners.
         2. The Greek word for “sin” means to “miss the mark.”
            1. Like an archer aiming at the bull’s eye.
      2. What is sin?
         1. Sin is the transgression of the law.
            1. 1 John 3:4
            2. If you have broken one of God’s commandments, then you’re a sinner.

It doesn’t matter how much good we’ve done.

If a person is hanging over a cliff by a chain of ten links, only one link has to break before he falls.

James 2:10

* + - 1. Sin is failure to do good.
         1. James 4:17
         2. Romans 14:23

“Whatsoever is not of faith, is sin.”

If we do something that we’re not sure if it is right but we do it anyway, then we did not do it by faith; and for us, it is sin.

If it’s doubtful, it’s dirty.

* + - 1. Human goodness is sin.
         1. Proverbs 21:4

That is, when a farmer cultivates his field and he doesn’t know Jesus, even the cultivation of that field is sin.

He is asking God to send the rain to germinate the seed, thereby, he is asking God to give life; but he doesn’t give God the glory.

* + - * 1. Isaiah 64:6

Not our bad things, but even our righteousness is as filthy rags.

The good things that we do, the charity, the love, the kindness, etc.

* + - * 1. In the sight of a righteous and holy God, human goodness is sin.
        2. The worst form of badness is human goodness when human goodness becomes a substitute for the new birth.
        3. Human goodness without God is sin.
      1. The Bibles says that the thought of foolishness is sin.
         1. Proverbs 24:9
  1. We lost our peace, and we deserve wrath.
     1. Romans 5:9-10
        1. We deserve the wrath of God because we became enemies of God.
     2. Sin is high treason against Heaven’s King.
     3. Sin is a clenched fist in the face of God.
     4. We lost strength, godliness and peace.
        1. And now we have weakness, wickedness and wrath.
     5. If you’re in Adam, you’re going to face the wrath of God.
        1. Don’t let anyone tell you that God is too good to punish sin.
           1. God is too good not to punish sin.
           2. God is a holy God.

1. what we gained in jesus (romans 5:8-20)
   1. We gain much more in Jesus than we ever lost in Adam.
   2. There is the much more of His redeeming blood.
      1. Romans 5:8-9
      2. There are three words that come together at Calvary, and they deal with God’s character:
         1. Justice
            1. Justice is God giving us what we deserve.
            2. If we received justice, then we all would spend eternity in Hell because God is just, and we’ve all sinned.

Romans 6:23

Ezekiel 18:4, 20

* + - 1. Mercy
         1. Mercy is God not giving us what we deserve.
         2. He just has mercy on us.
      2. Grace
         1. Grace is God giving us what we don’t deserve.
         2. It’s where God makes us righteous.
    1. When our sins were laid upon Jesus:
       1. God’s justice was satisfied, and sin was paid for.
       2. God’s mercy was shown.
       3. God’s grace was given.
    2. When we become a child of God, we are made righteous in His sight, and we are justified by His blood.
       1. Romans 5:9
  1. There is the much more of His reconciling death.
     1. Romans 5:9-10
     2. Jesus gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us.
     3. As Christians, we are now reconciled.
     4. Adam was an enemy.
        1. When God came in the midst of the Garden, Adam ran to the bushes to hide.
           1. Genesis 3:8
        2. He could not stand the gaze of a holy God.
        3. He’s separated from God.
        4. It was Adam who ran from God; God never needs to be reconciled.
           1. It is man who needs to be reconciled.
     5. In the Garden of Eden before the fall, Adam walked with God.
        1. But when we get saved, we don’t walk with God; God walks in us.
           1. We are saved by His life, and He comes into us.
           2. Romans 5:10
  2. There is the much more of His renewing gift.
     1. Romans 5:15
        1. One man sinned and got us into trouble.
        2. One man died on the cross and got us out and forgave every sin.
           1. It is an absolute gift.
     2. Adam lost and collected wages (the wages of sin is death); Jesus died and gave a gift.
        1. Romans 6:23
     3. God doesn’t tell us to earn salvation, buy salvation or deserve salvation.
        1. We can’t.
        2. It is the grace of God.
  3. There is the much more of His reigning power.
     1. Romans 5:17
     2. Adam reigned over an earthly dominion before he fell.
        1. We have a Heavenly kingdom.
     3. Adam simply ruled the animals.
        1. We’re going to judge angels.
     4. We reign with the Lord Jesus Christ.
        1. And we don’t have to wait until we get to Heaven to do it.
           1. “We reign in life.”
           2. Romans 5:17
     5. We have moved into His kingdom and are seated with Jesus in the heavenlies.
  4. There is the much more of His restoring grace.
     1. Romans 5:20
     2. When Adam fell, sin was let loose in the land.
        1. Sin abounded until grace came along.
     3. If we fail and stumble and fall into sin, He never lets us go.
        1. He will cleanse us, forgive us and restore us.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. Jesus suffered, bled and died so that you might be saved.
   2. Are you saved?
      1. If not, you can be today.
   3. If you do not have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, then pray to Him today and ask Him to come into your life.
   4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16