

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

Afterthoughts, Part I: “How Do I Know I’m Saved?”

- I. The Problem of Works Righteousness
 - A. Noting the difference once again between justification and sanctification.
 1. Justification
 - a. The three uses of the Law
 - b. Review of the Reformation
 2. Sanctification – The Moral Law tells us how we may please God and die to our fleshly desires.
 - a. Westminster Confession.
 - b. Romans 6:6; 8:1; Eph. 4:24; II Thess. 2:13
 - c. The war will end in the life of a believer – Rev. 21:1-4
 - B. The danger for Christians.
 1. Falling into despair.
 - a. Mourning is good if it creates greater desire for God. It is bad if we think salvation has been lost, or worse yet, never found!
 2. What is a Christian?
 - a. Basic definition: Someone who _____ God.
 3. Our chief desire as Christians
 - a. I Peter 1:15-16
 - b. Robert Murray Mc’Cheyne
 1. Key word is desire.
 - II. The solution is in how security is achieved.
 - A. Desire to be like God.
 1. We are justified by grace and not works.
 - B. An in-depth look at John 6.
 1. John 6:37-44, 65
 2. John 6:65: No one can come
 - a. Universal negative
 - b. “Can” and “May” distinction.
 - c. Man cannot come to God.
 - d. Note the exception clause.
 1. Necessary condition.
 2. God must _____ it.
 - e. Sometimes we create ambiguity by how we use words.
 1. To give –
 2. To enable –
 3. To grant –
 - C. Nature of the condition
 1. Necessary condition or sufficient condition.
 2. Example: Oxygen and Fire.
 3. John 6:44
 - a. Another universal negative.
 - b. Question: What does it mean for God to draw him?
 - c. Arminian error
 1. “Draw” means to _____
 - d. Note: New Testament Greek word usage. Term occurs 8 times: John 6:55; 12:32; 18:10; 21:6, 11; Acts 16:19; 21:30; James 2:6
 - e. Why do translators use “draw” instead of “drag”?
- III. Concluding remarks
 - A. My own life as an example.
 1. Desire for God is key.
 2. Sanctification process.
 - B. Stumbling over the Moral Law.
 1. Salvation guaranteed by God not our behavior.
 2. If we lack desire....
 - a. I Peter 1:5-10; II Corinthians 13:5
- IV. Points of Reflection
 - A. Our salvation is all about God doing something, and nothing about our doing anything (Romans 8:3-8).
 - B. Desire for God is the chief evidence of security in salvation.
 - C. The Moral Law tells us how to express our love.