

What Are Your Priorities?



It is often said by some "that life is too short to ... (do such and such)." We often need to stop and set priorities in this life. That is because we are people that are always rushing to and fro. All of our rushing around may keep us from knowing what is truly important: issues of eternity, relations to God, etc. As we race through this life we miss the fact that sin hides our eyes to the truth of God and the necessity of being reconciled to Him. Therefore, I implore you to slow down and really read this letter through with great care.

I will start where God starts, the Bible begins with the words, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The scriptures tell us that God was, before everything else was created. This is an important point because all other false gods are the creation of man. But God is the only true God. He was the creator of all things and every thing was perfectly good, and man was in perfect fellowship with God.

"...and God saw that it was good."
(Genesis 1:25b)

What happened next is the saddest chapter of all history. Mankind's relationship with God was severed when man chose to follow the devil instead of his creator. When we fell, we lost communion with God and came under his wrath and curse. A plague of sin followed man in this world and with that death and decay.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way"
(Isaiah 53:6)

What this means is that all mankind on their own are to be cast into hell fire to burn forever. That is correct - God could have decided to throw us all in hell. Instead, God out of His mercy decided that he was going to save a people to Himself. In order to make these people holy, God sent His only son, Jesus Christ to earth to satisfy God's wrath for all the sins of His people.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)

This is why God sends forth a command to all the nations, to repent and believe the gospel. What does it mean to believe the gospel? We are called to fully believe and completely trust the promises of God in our hearts. When Jesus told a man that his son

was alive the man "believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him". We too are to believe the word that Jesus speaks, which is the Holy Bible. We are to believe in the gospel, that is, the good news of salvation provided by Jesus Christ. We are to believe that Jesus perfectly fulfilled the law of God and died and rose the third day for the sins of His people. We are to believe that Jesus today sits at the right hand of God the Father as a victor over death and the grave. We are to believe that He not only provides a way of salvation but that He alone has the power to save.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

(Romans 10:9)

At the beginning of this letter I mentioned priorities. What I lay before you logically should be on the top of your list of priorities. It is a question of where you will spend eternity. Jesus told a story once of a rich man that had ongoing plans to build to enlarge his wealth. This rich man thought to himself;

“Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”

And God responded to him;

“Fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?”

Do not be like this misguided man that had poor priorities. I challenge you to make this your top priority. Today is the day of salvation! You are called to turn to God, repent of your sins and you are to believe the good news of Jesus Christ. May God give you the grace to believe and confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and your Lord.

“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

(Isaiah 55:6, 7)

Please Note:

When a person has true faith in God, they can have full assurance of their salvation. They have peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit and a desire to do the will of God. If you see this kind of evidence in your life you should seek a Bible believing church which teaches the gospel as the power of God to salvation. You should continue to pursue God throughout your life and seek to honor Him, by following His revealed will, which is summarized in the Ten Commandments. If you have questions, you can send me an email at Brian@Hanleys.us