

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, October 18, 2026

1. Read Isaiah 56:1-8
2. One of the things that the bible makes crystal clear is that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. The question that arises in light of this is, does it then matter how we live? Some say it doesn't matter. This is known as antinomianism. What is antinomianism?
3. In v.1-2 we see that God's grace calls us to godly living. Specifically, He calls us to keep justice and do righteousness. What is justice, and how do we keep justice?
4. What is righteousness? What is the difference between positional and practical righteousness?
5. In v.2 the Lord points to the need to keep the Sabbath. In principle, what is the Sabbath?
6. What is the origin of the Sabbath? Why was the day we observe the Sabbath changed under the New Covenant?
7. Isaiah makes the point that because of the work of the Servant (ch.53), the Lord now welcomes the outcasts to Himself (v.3-8). What did the Servant of the Lord (Jesus Christ) do in order to accomplish this? See Eph.2:11-16.

8. In the end, God welcomes all to Himself because of the work of Christ, and He also requires the same thing of all in that He requires those who come to Him to keep His commandments. Why does He require obedience of us if our obedience doesn't have anything to do with our salvation?

9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?

10. Pray!

Reading of Law: Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. As your people you tell us we are the light of the world as we are those whom you have designated to shine for you and light the way to you for others to see. Our good works are to be the very thing people see and give glory to you, but our good works are far fewer than they should be, and even when we do good works they are often done in order that those who see may give glory to us rather than you. Father, we confess that the light that comes from us is far too dim and is easily covered over by our sinful and selfish words, attitudes, and actions so that those who observe our lives don't see your light in us but see the darkness of our sinful nature which remains in our members. Moreover, we conceal our faith out of the fear of man, not wanting to be mocked or maligned for our faith by those in the world around us. Father, please forgive us. For we desire to shine for you so that others may be drawn to you and share in the blessing of eternal life you give to all who trust in Jesus. We thank you for hearing us, for loving us, and for receiving us as your very own through faith in Christ. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.

[Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21-22.](#)

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

[Rom. 5:12.](#)

NT Reading: Romans 5:20-6:14

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can ^awe who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its

passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.