

LIVE OOK CHURCH

If I Only Had 2 Sermons To Give

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Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:1-10, 2:19; John 6:35-40; Romans 8:31-39

On The Team, In The Kingdom

I. The most important question is: Are you in?

- A. There are countless things worth preaching about
- B. But none of those things matter more than what we do with Jesus
- C. Before we talk about how Christians should live, we have to talk about how people become Christians
- D. There is something incredibly good about being “in”
 - 1. When you're in Christ...
 - a. You have life (John 10:10)
 - b. You have forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7)
 - c. You have peace with God (Romans 5:1)
 - d. You have joy (John 15:11)
 - e. You have a new identity (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - f. You have a new family (Ephesians 2:19)
 - g. You have purpose (Ephesians 2:10)
 - h. You have the presence of God (Ephesians 1:13-14)
 - i. You have an inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5)
 - j. You have eternal life (John 6:40)

- E. Christianity isn't merely about what you're saved from, but what you're brought into
- F. Eventually, you have to decide whether you're in

II. Sin is the problem

- A. Sin leaves us spiritually dead
- B. Sin isn't merely something we do
- C. Sin shapes the way we live
- D. Sin corrupts our desires
- E. Sin places us under judgment
- F. Spiritual death cannot be overcome through greater effort

III. God made a way in - Ephesians 2:4-7

- A. The Gospel turns on “But God”
- B. God is rich in mercy
- C. God acts because of His great love
- D. God makes dead people alive in Christ
- E. Jesus does for us what we could never do for ourselves

IV. You get in by grace

- A. Salvation is by grace
- B. Salvation is received through faith
- C. Salvation is not from works
- D. There is no room for boasting
- E. Jesus has already accomplished the impossible

V. On the team is in the Kingdom

- A. You are no longer a stranger
- B. You are no longer a foreigner
- C. You are a fellow citizen
- D. You are a child of God
- E. Salvation changes both our destination & our identity

VI. If you are saved, you are secure

- A. Salvation is God's work - Ephesians 2:4-10
 - 1. God made us alive
 - a. God raised us
 - b. God seated us with Christ
 - 2. Salvation is the gift of God
 - 3. We are His workmanship
- B. The Holy Spirit seals the believer (Ephesians 1:13)
- C. The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee (Ephesians 1:14)
- D. We are sealed for the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30)
- E. Jesus promises to keep all those who come to Him (John 6:35-40)
- F. Nothing can separate us from Christ (Romans 8:31-39)

VII. Stop living like you're trying out

- A. Assurance isn't confidence in ourselves
- B. Assurance is confidence in Christ
- C. Security frees us from spiritual performance anxiety
- D. Security changes obedience from earning to responding
- E. Security allows us to repent without running away
- F. Security produces gratitude, not complacency
- G. Stop trying to earn what Christ has already given you

VIII. So what do we do with Ephesians 2?

- A. Admit what verses 1-3 say about you
 - 1. I cannot save myself
 - 2. I am not merely imperfect & in need of improvement
 - 3. I need Christ
- B. Believe what verses 4-7 say God has done

- 1. But God acted in Christ to make dead people alive

- 2. "But God..."

C. Receive what verses 8-9 offer

- 1. Salvation is God's gift received through faith

D. Rest in what Christ has accomplished

- 1. My confidence isn't in my performance
- 2. My confidence is in Christ

E. Know which response Ephesians 2 requires from you

- 1. There are 2 groups of people
- 2. Ephesians 2 calls them to 2 different responses
 - a. If you are outside Christ, receive the gift
 - b. If you are in Christ, rest in the gift

Is Today The Day You Finally Say "I'm In!"?

When Your In Christ You're Salvation Is Eternal & Secure

**Get In
Go All Out**