

THE ROAD TO HEAVEN

I Corinthians 1:1-3

Sunday AM Sermon | Don E. Smith

I. THE CHRISTIAN IS SET APART:

- A. If they nourish their souls with that sincere milk, they will be safe. The gospel which he had preached would be their safety unto the end. It would build them up on the one Foundation which never can be moved; it would preserve them holy to take possession of the inheritance of the saints in light.
1. **Eph.1:14** which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's own possession*, unto the praise of his glory.
 2. **1Co 1:2** unto the church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours:
- B. We are set apart for a purpose
1. **2Ti 2:14** Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them in the sight of the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear.
 2. **2Ti 2:15** Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a work man that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.
- C. A proper understanding of **santification** will help us accomplish God will for us.
1. **2Ti 2:21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto *honor, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work*.

II. THE CHRISTIAN IS SET-APART TO LIVE A LIFE OF HONOR:

- A. As Paul pointed out to Timothy that God is looking for us to pursue **"every good work"** on the road to Heaven.
- B. God highly Values...
1. **Truthfulness** in a world of lies.
 - a. **Joh 3:21** But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God.
 - b. **Rom 2:8** but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth,

but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation,

2. **Kindness, gentleness, and unselfishness.**
 - a. **Gal 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
 - b. **Col 3:12** Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering;
3. The bible values **peacemakers** in a world of strife.
4. The bible values the encouragement and uplifting of others.

III. SET APART TO PREACH SALVATION:

- A. The bible values the eternal salvation of souls more than any other thing.
- B. The simple plan of salvation -
1. HEARING THE WORD OF GOD - (Rom.10:13-15; 1:16-17)
 2. BELIEVE - (Act.8:35-37; 16:30-31; 18:8; Heb.11:6)
 3. REPENTANCE - "And the times of his ignorance God winked at: but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30; 2:38).
 4. CONFESSION - (homologia) is properly defined as "acknowledgment or admission." "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 (Rom.10:9).
 5. BAPTISM - Immersion in water culminates every example of conversion in the New Testament. (Acts 2:38; 8:12, 38-39; 22:16; 10:43, 47)
 6. REMAIN FAITHFUL (Rev.2:10)
- C. Salvation is in Christ -
1. Where all spiritual blessings are (Eph.1:3)
 2. Where we're made new creatures (2 Cor.5:17), free from condemnation (Rom.8:1)