

Text: Zechariah 3:1-10

Title: The Gospel According To Zechariah

Thesis: In Zechariah 3 we find the gospel according to Zechariah which states that by the sovereign grace of God alone, on the basis of the work of Christ alone, the people of God receive forgiveness of sins and peace.

Intro: The dread that comes with being guilty.

- I. The vision of Joshua. Vv.1-7
 - A. The setting: the heavenly courtroom (possibly an enactment of the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur).
 - B. The charge against Joshua: he is defiled.
 - C. The defense: he is the elect of God.
 - D. Joshua cleansed and recommissioned.

- II. The oracle to Joshua. Vv.8-10
 - A. Joshua and the priests serve as types of the coming servant of God, the "Branch".
 - B. The Branch = Messiah/Christ
 - C. The stone = Christ/Kingdom of Christ
 - D. The time of Messiah's work: "That Day"
 - E. The result of Messiah's work: forgiveness and peace for God's elect.

- III. The fulfillment in the greater Joshua.
 - A. The Branch of David, the stone, has come in the person of Jesus Christ.
 - B. "That Day" has already come in the life and death of Christ, particularly on Good Friday.
 - C. On the basis of the completed work of Christ God provides forgiveness and peace to His people.

- IV. The Gospel According to Zechariah.
 - A. You are filthy before God because of your sins.
 - B. You are guilty before God because of your sins.
 - C. Because of the work of Christ you can be forgiven of your sins and have peace with God.
 - D. Being forgiven in Christ and made holy you are enabled and called to live a holy life in the Kingdom of God.

Conclusion: In Zechariah 3 we find the gospel according to Zechariah which states that by the sovereign grace of God alone, on the basis of the work of Christ alone, the people of God receive forgiveness of sins and peace. You who are loaded down with guilt, you who know the filthiness of your sins come to Christ in faith and receive forgiveness and peace. You who have already experienced His forgiveness and peace, remembering that you are saved by grace alone, give glory to God by worshipping Him and living a holy life to the praise of His glorious grace.