

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, September 25, 2022

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 67. Losing Your Life to Find It – Matthew 10:27-42

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Matthew 8 and 9 provided an account of the miracles that Jesus performed in preparation for the sending forth of the disciples in chapter 10 and 11. In those miracles we saw Jesus' power of death, diseases, and demons again, reiterating that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, and that He has come in fulfillment of Isaiah 53 to be the Suffering Servant and the Savior. Now He commissions His disciples to go and announce that the Kingdom of Heaven is Here! *That announcement will come at a price.*

- I. Do Not Fear Men – vs. 27-31
 - A. Speak Up
 1. What God says, we say – Luke 8:16
 2. God will expose and undo all that the world has done – 1 Cor. 4:5
 - B. Speak without Fear of Men
 1. Killing the body is only temporary – 1 Cor. 15:42; Acts 21:10-11, 13
 2. “The Word of God is not Bound”
 - a. Romans persecution – 300 years
 - b. Catacomb to bury the dead – 600 miles, approx. 4m bodies
 - c. Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior <><
 - C. Fear God
 1. His judgment is forever
 2. He is in control
 3. He cares!
 - a. Sparrows and spare change
 - b. The hairs on your head (ever changing)
- II. Confess Christ before Men – vs. 32-33
 - A. Openly Confess Christ before the World – Rom. 1:16; 10:9-10
 1. Outward confession is evidence on inward conviction – 1 John 4:15; 2 Tim. 1:8
 2. CH Spurgeon – “Can a non-confessing faith save?”
 - B. Denying Christ – to turn away, refuse
 1. By Thoughts
 2. By Words
 3. By Actions
 - C. Jesus Will Confess/Deny – future tense – Matt. 7:21-23; 25:34-36, 41-43
- III. Forsake All for Christ – vs. 34-37
 - A. Quoting Micah 7:6
 - B. Peace with God means Enmity with the World – James 4:4; Luke 12:49-53
 1. CH Spurgeon – “In the act of producing the peace of heaven, he arouses the rage of hell.”
 2. Against – at present, a permanent condition
 3. Peace
 - a. With God – Rom. 5:1-2
 - b. In the Church – 1 Thess. 5:12-13
 - c. With People – Rom. 12:18
 - d. But never peace with the world! – John 16:33
 - C. Worthy of Me
 1. Do not put others above Christ
 2. CH Spurgeon – “Christ must be first!” – Col. 1:15-18 – preeminence

- IV. Take Up Your Cross – vs. 38-39
 - A. Follow Him – whatever it costs
 - 1. The Cross – a willing sacrifice of everything, even life if necessary, to follow Christ
 - 2. “Though none go with Me, I still will follow”
 - B. Finding or Losing Your Life – Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3-4
- V. Receiving Christ – vs. 40-42
 - A. To Receive the Gospel Proclaimed is to Receive Christ – John 8:19, 42
 - B. It is Christ they Reject – Acts 9:4
 - C. Serving His People is Serving Him – Matt. 25:40, 45

Cross References

Luke 8:16

16 “No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.

1 Corinthians 4:5

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

1 Corinthians 15:42

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

Acts 21:10-11, 13

10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, he took Paul’s belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, “Thus says the Holy Spirit, ‘So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’ ”

13 Then Paul answered, “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 John 4:15

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

2 Timothy 1:8

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

Matthew 7:21-23

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in

Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matthew 25:34-36

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Matthew 25:41-43

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

Micah 7:6

6 For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household.

James 4:4

4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Luke 12:49-53

49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! 51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. 52 For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Romans 5:1-2

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Romans 12:18

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Colossians 1:15-18

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 3:3-4

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

John 8:18

18 I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

John 8:42

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

Acts 9:4

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

Matthew 25:40

40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

Matthew 25:45

45 Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’