

Pentecost 4A

July 2, 2017

Other Readings

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Psalms 89: 1-4, 15-18

<note: this week we did not have class as Pastor DJ was traveling for an interment, below are Pastor DJ's notes>

Readings for study

Romans 6:12-23

Before: What Christ did and how that separates us from sin & death

- Sin
 - Here again it is missing the mark
- Exercise dominion
 - Don't let sin rule as a king in your heart (it's possible it means either do not let or do not continue to let)
- Mortal bodies
 - The part of you that is dying
 - I think used the same way as Paul uses the word "flesh"
- Passions
 - The things that drive sin to influence us
 - Sin here is personified as having its own will its own passions
 - Is the passion of sin death? Is it chaos? Is it to destroy?
- Present
 - Literally, to place beside
 - Essentially don't offer yourself over to the service of sin and its purposes
- Members
 - Same word we use as when we talk about there being "one body but many members"
 - The pieces that make you you
- Instruments of righteousness
 - God's work, our hands imagery – our pieces are to be set aside for God's use
- Under law/under grace
 - The law serves its purpose in showing us our need for grace. The gift of grace is now our master
- Slaves of sin/slaves of obedience(righteousness)
 - Paul questioning who it is you allow to run your life sin? Obedience (I think the contrast here is the concept of making yourself into God rather than letting God be God)?
- Limitations
 - Weakness, but it's also implied that it is a disease
- Impurity
 - Could also be stated as uncleanness
- Iniquity
 - Here, another definition of sin: "lawlessness", the greek text reads "and lawlessness into lawlessness"
- Sanctification
 - This bears discussion, it is the word used for saints, it means to be set apart not necessarily cleaned like we tend to use it
- *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

After: Belonging to Christ is a marriage

Matthew 10:40-42

Before: Jesus brings a sword, and households will be divided

- Welcome
 - Hospitality is critical to the mission, and those who offer it are blessed
- *Whoever welcomes you welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*
- Prophet
 - While we typically think of “future predicting” as prophecy, really a prophet is just a person who speaks on God’s behalf
- Prophet’s reward
 - Recall that Jesus says that a prophet is not welcome in their hometown (MT 13:57)
 - Seems to be an acknowledgment that for the one who speaks on behalf of God, there will be a day when God speaks on their behalf
- Righteous
 - A person who lives in right relationship with God – Jesus as Lord, focused on God always
 - Here, however, I believe Matthew is actually referring to Torah observers
- Righteous person’s reward
 - Entrance and even possibly a place of honor in the kingdom of God
- Little ones
 - Used for different effect. Sometimes meaning children (probably here), sometimes refers to the disciples

After: Jesus goes to travel the country and teach and heal