

Hyper-Grace and Religious Hypocrisy in the Last Days - (Carter Conlon, Zac Poonen)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing our sin and deserving of hell, and coming back to God with sorrow and a desire to give our lives to Him.

Duration: 4:44

Scripture: Matthew 7:21-23, Luke 12:2-3, John 14:6, Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:12

Topics: "Repentance And Forgiveness", "Genuine Christianity"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the danger of covering up sin with self-made righteousness, leading to a false sense of security and a lack of repentance. It warns against the consequences of unforgiveness and the importance of acknowledging one's sins before God. The speaker highlights the significance of Christ's death and resurrection as the foundation of Christianity, emphasizing the need for genuine repentance and surrender to God before it's too late.

Transcript

They create a garment of their own making that allows them to commit adultery. It allows them to steal in the workplace. It allows them to lie and gossip and slander unrestrainedly.

And this garment that they put on themselves convinces them that there's no justice for this. There's no judgment day coming for them. Even though Jesus said by every word you speak, you'll be justified and by every word you'll be condemned.

Jesus said, if you do not forgive those who have wronged you, neither will your heavenly father forgive your trespasses. But in spite of what God has spoken, they create a garment of fig leaves and they cover themselves and say, all is well, all is well. And they seek out a church that won't challenge their sin, that won't expose this hypocrisy for what it is.

I'd rather you get mad at me and go to heaven. Being forsaken by God, that is the most terrible thing any human being can ever face. Think of the worst suffering you can ever face, multiplied by a million and more, and you understand what being forsaken by God is.

We think of hell as some geographical place somewhere. Maybe it is. But the worst part of hell is that it's a God-forsaken place.

It's the only God-forsaken place in the universe. That means God is not there. And it's terrible to be there because God is not there.

God is in this world today. That's why, even for unbelievers, things are very unpleasant. But when you go to the place where God himself has withdrawn his presence, all the evil and the devil and the man and all comes out fully, it'll be terrible.

That's, I believe, that evil is what makes the fire of hell, makes people's lives so miserable. But what a tragedy to have been covered in an unrighteous covering, to have been covered in human effort, to have been covered in something deceptive, to find in the last moments of your life that the feet coming down the hallway are not taking you to heaven. I guess the question would be whose feet are coming to get you.

Who's been assigned to take you into eternity? And if you're not sure they're God's, can it be changed? Can I get back? Mine. That's the first foundation of Christianity. Christ died for our sins.

That's not enough. He rose from the dead. If he did not rise from the dead, I would not be a Christian.

I wouldn't waste my time preaching this message. His rising from the dead is the proof that all that he said on earth was true. No man died for the sins of the world.

No man rose from the dead. No religion even claims that somebody died for the sins of the world, except Christianity. And no religion even claims that somebody who died came out of the grave after three days.

So the foundation of the Christian faith is not do good, be kind, don't hurt others. It is Christ died for your sins and he rose up from the dead. You remove those two things, Christianity becomes like any other religion in the world.

And that's why it's unique. You need to understand that. You are a sinner and you deserve to go to hell for all eternity, to be forsaken by God forever.

And you have lived for yourself. You are created to belong to God, but you live for yourself. When you come back to God, you must come back like a thief who has stolen what belongs to God for so many years.

How old are you? 25, 30? So many years you have stolen something that belongs to God. You can come back to him in sorrow. Lord, I didn't know this was your thing I stole so many years.

I'm going to come back to you and give my life to you. If you're a thief, scripture says, all thieves dwell outside of the city of God. Read it in Revelation.

If you're a liar, you're not going there either. So whatever kind of robe you want, you're not going. The leaves have got to come off.

God says, I'm looking for a Nathaniel today. I'm looking for a man, a woman without God. He says, Lord, I want it your way.

You can get through the deception your whole life. You can even sing in the choir. You can go your whole life, but there's one moment you will not get through.

And it's the last five seconds of your life. You'll not make it through. It has to be true.

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