

The Necessity of Sound Biblical Instruction

Isaiah 53:11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Last Lord's day we consider the heavy travail of our Savior's soul as He took upon Himself the righteous judgment of God against our sin. We spoke of the terrible agony He suffered in the garden and then on the cross when He, under the heavy burden of our sin cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me. Clearly a cry that speaks to us of the suffering He endured that we might not suffer the eternal judgment of God, a judgment that we rightly deserved and would have suffered had it not been for that glorious truth that He who knew no sin became sin in our place that we might be made to be righteous before our thrice holy God.

This morning I want us to look at the second part of verse 11, "*By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.*" where we shall consider the necessity of sound Biblical instruction regarding who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

As I noted last Sunday there is so much depth in this verse that I feel so unworthy and totally unable to speak of the subject before us, but by the grace of God I will proceed.

A. The necessity of sound Biblical instruction - *By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many.*

1. By the knowledge of (or by knowing) this righteous Servant many shall be made righteous. - Calvin translated it thus - *By his doctrine, or by the knowledge of him many shall be made righteous.*
 - a. The idea here is that to be justified one must know who Jesus is and what He did to redeem God's people.
 - b. It has become common in the church today to think of salvation, not as something out side of us, but something that wells up within us.
 - c. That is to think of salvation, not as something God has provided for us, as something God has done in us, but as something we do for God.
 - d. I believe the reason for this is that the gospel message in the church today is based upon personal accomplishments and feelings rather than upon sound teaching of who Jesus is and what He has done.
 - e. Too much in the church is based upon doing things and feelings rather than upon a true sound knowledge of who Jesus is and what He has done.
 - f. The message of the church is no longer salvation from sin and judgment instead salvation is presented as a gift of self-enhancement.
2. The reason for this condition in the church is because the church is not instructing their members in the doctrines of God's Word.
 - a. The Scripture is clear, *by His knowledge(by the knowledge of) My righteous Servant shall justify many.*
 - b. Salvation is made known by revelation given to us in Holy Scripture.
 - c. Salvation is made possible when the Holy Spirit reveals these truths to mankind from the Scriptures

Rom 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- d. Our Savior Himself made this most clear, '*And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*' (John 17:3)
 - e. The Apostle Paul said it in these words, 'That I may **know Him**, and the power of His resurrection.' (Phil 3:10),
3. Preaching has become personal counseling on a group basis.
 4. One can only be justified before God by the knowledge of the Messiah;
 - a. Knowledge of who He is
 - b. What He taught, doctrine of Christ
 - c. What He did - We are saved by His sufferings, death, and resurrection because of Who He is,
 - d. This alone is the only means whereby on may be justified.
 5. Sinners need to become acquainted with Him, with his doctrines, or they can never be regarded and treated as righteous in the sight of a holy God.

- a. Men need to know who He is.
- b. They need to understand that Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

- c. That He is absolutely sovereign over the whole of creation.
 - d. He is absolutely sovereign all men.
 - e. That He is perfect and absolute in His very being, His very essence, and in all His action
 - f. Men need to understand that God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, goodness and truth.
6. Why is this necessary for men to know.
- a. If he is all of the above there is no reason not to believe in Him
 - b. If he is not all of the above there is no reason to believe in Him
 - c. If he is not all of the above there is no reason serve Him above all other things and beings
7. This is why careful and sound Biblical preaching is an absolute necessity in the church
8. Until we truly understand who Jesus is, until one understands that Jesus Christ is more than a life coach, or just a close buddy, or someone we sing love songs to; until we understand that He was Almighty God manifest in the flesh we cannot fully understand the meaning of the words of Isaiah when he wrote;
- a. He was wounded for our transgressions,
 - b. He was bruised for our iniquities;
 - c. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.
 - d. The Lord has laid on Him, the Lord of all, the iniquity of us all.
 - e. For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
 - f. That it pleased the Lord to bruise Him
 - g. That He willingly made His soul an offering for sin
 - h. That He bore bear their iniquities
 - i. That He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
9. It is only the faithful teaching of sound doctrine that can a will provide a foundation for **true faith!**

CONCLUSION:

If Jesus is the Christ is not truly God, then we do not have a Redeemer Savior.

If Jesus is not all the Scriptures proclaim Him to be, then we are not righteous before God and have no hope of salvation.

These questions must be asked and answered:

- Who was this one born in Bethlehem?
- Who was this one who was crucified upon the cross?
- Who was this one who became sin in our place?
- Who was this one who suffered the wrath of God in our place?

If the answer to those questions cannot be founded upon the absolute truth of Holy Scripture then the Christian faith is simply one of many.

But thanks be to God because of who Jesus Christ is and because of what He did each one of us who are trusting in Jesus Christ this morning can say; *By the doctrine of God's righteous Servant, by the knowledge of God's righteous Servant we too have been made righteous.*

And because of that knowledge each one of us who are trusting in the doctrine of Holy Scripture have full assurance this morning that we may firmly hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, and therefore we have a hearty trust, which the Holy Ghost has worked in us by the Gospel, that not only to others, but to me also I have received forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.