

Sermon Notes – August 27, 2023

Review

- ⇒ This is week #9 in our “We Believe” summer preaching series. We want to clarify and affirm key biblical truths and align our hearts and minds with truth that God has revealed in His inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Word, the Bible.
- ⇒ So far, we have studied the key doctrines of the Trinity, the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the reality and gravity of sin, the atoning work of Jesus on the cross, the resurrection, salvation and the church.

Today’s Text: Genesis 1–3; Matthew 4:1–11; Hebrews 1:1–4; 2 Peter 1:12–21

The claim that the Bible has no errors or that it records the words of God is a concept foreign to our culture. Ours is the age of skepticism. This worldview struggles to reconcile with the claims the Bible makes about itself. So, why does the Bible make these claims? In what world does the claim that God is the author of a book with no errors make sense? Join us as we listen to how the Bible answers these questions. **We Believe in the Inspired, Inerrant Word of God.**

Definitions

Inspired: The Bible records God's words written by men.

Inerrancy: The Bible is without error.

God’s Word: Created (Genesis 1–2)

- ⇒ God spoke and the world was created. We live in a _____ created world. God's relationship to his creation is defined by his authority. Nowhere is this clearer than in his relationship to mankind. Created, defined and carried out through words, God's Word defines his relationship with us. God's word or the Bible then defines our relationship with our Creator.

God’s Word: Attacked (Genesis 3; Matthew 4:1–11)

- ⇒ The devil's attacks demonstrate that from the beginning the question of whether we know what God said has been fundamental to the devil's attack. Christians believe the Bible

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records God's word accurately. Stated differently the Bible is _____. The attack on this idea is clearly from the beginning meant to attack God himself.

- ⇒ Defining the doctrines of Inspiration and Inerrancy are necessary because we live in a world run by the devil who constantly attacks God's Word. We should expect these attacks. For each of us, we must reckon with what we think about God's Word. Otherwise, it is very clear that the devil is more than willing to _____ it for us.

God’s Word: Implications

- ⇒ **Sufficiency of God’s Word:** God's word gives us everything we need to live a life that honors our Creator.
- ⇒ **Clarity of God’s Word:** Mankind bears the image of God and, in doing so, can hear God when he speaks and understand God's words as God meant them.
- ⇒ **Authority of God’s Word:** In the beginning God's words created the world. God as Creator has chosen to express his _____ over his creation through his words. The Bible’s authority is grounded in its Author.
- ⇒ **Necessity of God’s Word:** Without God's recorded words there is no hope of knowing the message of reconciliation with God.
- ⇒ **Relational Nature of God’s Word:** At every stage of writing, God has composed the Bible to be relational with mankind. The completed Bible serves this same purpose today.

For Further Study

- ⇒ **The Holy Scriptures:** We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally inspired Word of God, the final authority for faith and life, inerrant in the original writings, infallible and God breathed (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matt. 5:18; John 16:12-13)
- ⇒ DeYoung, Kevin. *Taking God At His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me.* Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2016.
- ⇒ The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy (1978)

Worship Next Sunday: September 3, 2023

“We Believe In Life Everlasting” (Pastor Jay Mosser)

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