

SERMON NOTES
March 7, 2010
“Our Adoption as Sons and Daughters”
Romans 8:12-17
Galatians 4:1-7

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CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES – Week 9

BELIEF – “What We Need to Know”

Belief #9 - Eternity: the belief that there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge the earth and to establish his eternal kingdom
(John 14:1-4)

PRACTICE – “What We Endeavor to Do”

Practice #9 - Investing our Faith: giving of our faith to fulfill God’s purposes (2 Corinthians 8:7)

VIRTUE – “What We Expect to Be”

Virtue #9 - Humble: choosing to esteem others above ourselves
(Philippians 2:3-4)

CALVARY COTTAGE COMMUNITY

Discussion:

Prayer Requests:

Praises:

Verse to memorize:

HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR PASTOR'S SERMONS:

1. Listen to the sermon as if your life depended on it.
2. Look for God's remedies for sin and His instructions for living in a sinful world.
3. Expect to be taught by the Holy Spirit as you hear God's Word proclaimed.
4. Be determined to listen...regardless of the speaker's oratory skills.
5. A profitable Bible message is one that delivers **one** life-transforming truth.
6. Pre-commit to apply and obey God's Word as it is set forth in the sermon.

APPLICATION:

Application is Hard Work:

1. ...because it requires serious thinking.
2. ...because Satan fights it viciously.
3. ...because we naturally resist change.

Four Steps to Practical Application:

- I. **Pray** for insight on how to apply the passage.
- II. **Meditate** on verses you have chosen to study.
 - a. Put yourself in the biblical scene.
 - b. Emphasize words in the passage you are studying.
 - c. Paraphrase the passage.
 - d. Personalize the passage you are studying.
 - e. Use the S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S acrostic. *
- III. **Write** out an application – (Personal, Practical, Possible, Provable)
- IV. **Memorize** a key verse from your study.

Questions to Ask When Studying the Bible:

1. What attitude do I need to change (surrender)?
2. What do I need to start doing? Stop doing?
3. What things do I need to believe? Stop believing?
4. What relationships do I need to work on?
5. What ministry should I be having with others?

*S – Sin to confess?

P – Promise to claim?

A – Attitude to change?

C – Command to obey?

E – Example to follow?

P – Prayer to pray?

E – Error to avoid?

T – Truth to believe?

S – Something to praise God for?