

Sermon Study Guide – August 16th, 2020

Today's Focus: "A Return to Harmony"

1) Introductory thoughts on today's message...

- ◆ Today we begin a new series on Genesis: "Return to Eden." What is lacking in our world that existed in Eden? Is it possible to return to Eden? How or how not?
- ◆ What role does harmony play in the questions above? What is harmony? Do you have harmony in your life?

2) Today's Message: Genesis 1:1-3

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. As we work through our sermon text...

⇒ In just three verses, what do we already learn about God's creation? Where did he focus attention? How did he "make" it?

⇒ Where do you see each member of the Trinity in Creation, and how is each "involved" in the Creation?

2. As you listen to the remainder of the sermon...

⇒ How do the members of the Trinity have "harmony"?

⇒ As we think about the perfect harmony God intended for Eden, how is it lacking in our world?

⇒ Christ may not be "featured" in the "creation solo", but where is he featured? How does it help with our lack of harmony?

⇒ What effect does God want this "gospel theme" to have, not just in a second Eden in heaven, but also for our lives here?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: review John 1:1-14, Eph. 3:2-12

Thursday: Mark 10:1-44

Tuesday: review Psalm 139

Friday: 1 Corinthians 12

Wednesday: Job 38

Saturday: read/review Genesis 1:1-31