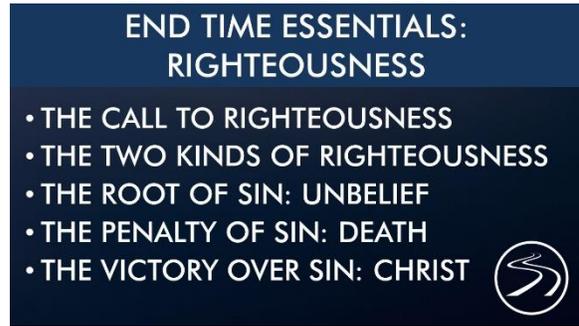


End Time Essentials: Righteousness September 13, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Was there ever a time when you broke free from a significant temptation or sinful bondage in your life? What happened? What factors helped you?
2. What do you remember about the sermon (review the main points above and also think about Joseph and his brothers in the book of Genesis)? Did anything impact or challenge you? Do you have any questions?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 (this is review from the sermon)
 - a) According to this passage, what are people saved “by”? What do you think this really means and how does it work?
 - b) And what are people saved “through”? What do you think this really means?
 - c) And what are people saved “to do”? What does this look like?
 - d) Why is it important that we are not saved by our own good works?
 - e) Do you believe that you are God’s handiwork? What does this say about God’s perspective of you?
4. Read Philippians 2:12-16
 - a) What do you think it means to “work out your salvation”? Pay close attention to the wording and notice that it does not say “work for your salvation” (also see Colossians 1:28-29 and Matthew 7:18)
 - b) Why do you think it says in v. 12 to work out our salvation “with fear and trembling”? Does this mean that we should be afraid of going to Hell if we aren’t good enough? (Note: context is very important when interpreting Scripture. Notice what the first part of verse 13 says. Also see Hebrews 12:28 and 1 John 4:17-18)
 - c) According to v. 13, what is God working in us to do? (try reading verse 13 in the New Living Translation).
 - d) Looking at verses 13 and 14, how would you describe both God’s role and our role?
 - e) According to this passage, what is the good result of not grumbling or arguing?
5. Read Romans 8:28-29
 - a) How have you seen God working for your good through recent trials in your life?
 - b) What did God predestine His people to be?
 - c) How does this process happen in our lives?
 - d) What do you think our role is in the process?
6. Spend some time praying that God would help you to grow in good deeds (“earthly righteousness”). And pray for any specific needs in your group.