

Shalom Series
Peace With Creation, Part Two
10/23/21
Newport News

Opening/Introduction

-Pray

-October Fund Raising

- Café AC unit replacement - \$30k (original to addition)
- Water line to offices - \$15k (original to first building 1950's)
- We have \$40k in the building fund
- We plan to add another \$25k to that in January
- And we have emergency reserves as well...
- Let's raise at least \$10k this month...
- Then take not more than \$35k from the building fund...

The Way

-First century people who professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah were identified by names that placed a greater emphasis on becoming like Jesus and not just believing in Jesus.

-I want City Life to be a church where people learn how to pattern their lives after Jesus.

-(show 4 quadrant slide: Praxis, Doxa, Shema, and Shalom)

Praxis - The Way of Jesus' Character

Doxa - The Way of Jesus' Belief

Shema - The Way of Jesus' Obedience

Shalom - The Way of Jesus' Peace

-What is your reason why? (talk about me, Vanessa, and Steve's reasons)

This Series

-Are you at peace with God, yourself, others, and creation?

-(play Shalom video)

The two texts we are using that give us our subtitle: **Peace With Your Portion**

- Being at peace with your unchangeables...your portion.
- Being at peace with God's sovereignty...He is the portioner.
- Being at peace with diversity...their portion.
- Being at peace with your activity...your portion.

The Origin of Goodness

-"Goodness" is Biblical language we find in Genesis 1 to describe the feeling of Shalom that comes from being with and for God.

Goodness Restored

-You will suffer because the goodness you found in relationship with Me will not be present with other people...although you will demand it.
(one reason divorce is so high)

-You will suffer because the goodness you found in activity for Me will not be present in other tasks...although you will demand it.

-Ephesians 2:8-10 (first is common, second is forgotten!)

- *Jesus restores my sense of goodness with God (relationship).*
- *Jesus restores my sense of goodness for God (activity).*

Good Works (activity)

-Genesis 1:28 (blessed them meaning gave His blessings and SAID!)

-Genesis 2:15 (activity blessed by God, He told him to do it)

-Genesis 2:18-20 (same again...)

-Which activities of my life are blessed? Which activities of my life have been assigned to me by God...has "God said..." for each of them?

-Activity + "God Said" = Good Works

-Let's look at some "**most**" activities (time, money, emotions, and thoughts)

- Hobbies
- Vocation
 - One third of our lives is spent working...another statistic estimates we'll spend 90,000 at work in our lives.
 - serving others AND an ambassador for Jesus
 - Don't let an American ideal displace your Biblical Worldview
- Church
- Community
- Family (how you approach family activities)
- (now list all these for each child!)

-The difference between a busy life and an active life is determined by how much of your list is assigned/blessed by God. Are your activities assignments or are they desperate attempts at creating your own feelings of "goodness" through busyness?

-Matthew 25:14-19 (ref)

-Was Jesus active or busy?

- John 4:33-34
- John 5:17,19
- John 17:4

-There is peace waiting for me in the portion of good works (activity) God has planned for me.

Band

-First century people who professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah were identified by names that placed a greater emphasis on becoming like Jesus and not just believing in Jesus.

-Can we just talk about Jesus some more...He reconciles us to EVERYTHING!!!!

-2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Close

-Psalm 27:13