



Sunday Worship 5-15-22

Sermon Series: FIRE—3

Today's Scripture Text:

Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Supporting Scripture:

Matthew 25:41 (Jesus said) Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels...

2 Peter 2:4–9 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; 6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous

soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)— 9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

Matthew 10:14-15 (Jesus giving instruction to the disciples about sharing the gospel) And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Genesis 19:15-17 At dawn the next morning the angels became insistent. "Hurry," they said to Lot. "Take your wife and your two daughters who are here. Get out right now, or you will be swept away in the destruction of the city!" 16 When Lot still hesitated, the angels seized his hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and rushed them to safety outside the city, for the Lord was merciful. 17 When they were safely out of the city, one of the angels ordered, "Run for your lives! And don't look back or stop anywhere in the valley! Escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away!"

UNDERSTANDING WE GAIN FROM THE STORY OF THE TWO CRIMINALS:

- All deserve _____.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23a For the wages of sin is death...

UNDERSTANDING WE GAIN FROM THE STORY OF THE TWO CRIMINALS:

- We cannot _____ ourselves.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

UNDERSTANDING WE GAIN FROM THE STORY OF THE TWO CRIMINALS:

- Jesus _____ it _____.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

UNDERSTANDING WE GAIN FROM THE STORY OF THE TWO CRIMINALS:

- Only _____ can _____.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Romans 6:23 ...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

UNDERSTANDING WE GAIN FROM THE STORY OF THE TWO CRIMINALS:

- You _____.

John 3:17-21 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24 (Jesus said) Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH HESITATION OR LOOKING BACK—TAKE THIS ACTION:

1. Turn the _____—change the _____.

a. Luke 23:39-42 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." 40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

b. Joshua 1:2 Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.

IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH HESITATION OR LOOKING BACK—TAKE THIS ACTION:

2. Be _____—how you do _____ is how you will do _____.

a. Luke 23:42 ...Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

b. Hebrews 10:26 Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.

c. Hosea 10:12 Your hearts are as hard as a field that has not been plowed. If you change your ways, you will produce good crops. So plant the seeds of doing what is right. Then you will harvest the fruit of your faithful love. It is time to seek the Lord. When you do, he will come and shower his blessings on you.

d. Philippians 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

Colossians 3:9b-10 ...For you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.

IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH HESITATION OR LOOKING BACK—TAKE THIS ACTION:

3. Don't try to find _____—make _____ for Jesus.

a. Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.

b. John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

c. John 15:5 (Jesus said) I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

d. 1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Conclusion:

It comes down to what you choose to do and what you actually do!