

Ring Out The Message; 1 Thessalonians 1:8

I. The Message

- A. The message is for the hurting
- B. Luke 5:27–32; 27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” 28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. 29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” 31 And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”
- C. Many have heard and responded to the message; indeed many of us sit here in this building right now
- D. But we are well, we “have no need of a physician,”
 - 1. We have other needs; to worship, to work in the Kingdom, to pray, etc.
 - 2. There are many who have not experienced the Love of God firsthand
 - 3. It is our job to show them that love
 - 4. Matthew 5:14–16; 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- E. We have a job, to entrust faithful people with the Gospel

II. Make it Known

- A. 2 Timothy 2:1–2; 1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- B. Tell the World of Saving Grace
 - 1. Luke 19:36–40; 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”
 - 2. Titus 2:11–14; 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
- C. The message of saving grace is a message of sacrifice, of one person (being the Christ) spilling His blood for us
- D. Our acceptance of His blood, being united in the likeness of His death means we are united with Him in a resurrection like His

III. A Better Day

- A. Colossians 2:11–12; 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12

having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

- B. A better day dawns when we, who were dead, have become alive!
- C. Ephesians 2:4–7; 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

IV. Ring It Out

- A. Our light must shine to the darkest recesses of the Earth
- B. Everyone must be able to have an opportunity to be washed by the blood
- C. The Kingdom of His Beloved Son is waiting for those who choose to put off the old man and put on the new
- D. Colossians 1:13–14; 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.