

Righteous, Temperance and Judgment

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Introduction

1. Acts 24:25
2. Paul was preaching for his life. but he knew he would get to go to Rome Acts 23:11
3. Felix had heard Paul more than once. Acts 24:24
4. At this time Paul preached on righteousness, self-control and the judgment.
5. Let us study these three items closer

II Discussion

1. Righteousness - justice
 1. This is doing the will of God, this includes more than morality. Right doing as prescribed by God. It was spelled "rightwiseness" which clearly expresses its meaning
 2. Jesus was baptized for this reason Matthew 3:15
 3. Man may be moral but not righteous as was Cornelius Acts 10:1-2; Psalm 119:172
 4. The Gospel which included everything that one must do to be justified is called the word of righteousness Hebrews 5:13
 5. This way which we are to be doing has been revealed to us 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
 6. Therefore when Paul preached to Felix he preached the
 1. He facts of the Gospel 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 2. The commands to be obeyed
 3. Then urged obedience to the will of God Acts 26:29
2. Temperance or self-control
 1. Control the power of the will
 2. They were much like us in this virtue, if it feels good then do it, The Bible teaches otherwise.
 3. Is a preacher exhibiting self-control if he ignores sin? Matthew 14:1-3
 4. We are not to satisfy the flesh of all it wants 1 Corinthians 9:27' 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:22; 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 16:24
 5. We can overcome the temptation of eat, drink, and be merry 1 Corinthians 10:13
3. The Judgment to Come
 1. This was still future at this time and was certain to overtake them in the future.
 2. Paul uses this other times as a motivating factor to get men to obey 2 Corinthians 5:11
 3. Judgment is sure Hebrews 9:27
 4. All will be there John 5:28-29; Romans 2:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:10
 5. Christ will be the Judge Acts 17:30-31
 6. The Word of God will be the standard John 12:48
 7. Are you ready to face the Judgment?

III Conclusion

1. Paul's preaching was powerful! It caused Felix to tremble
2. Oh that we had preachers that could do this today
3. Most people do not want to be stirred up or troubled
4. But don't be like Felix and put off obedience to God
5. We need to continue to live for Christ
6. Once a person hears the Gospel he has three choices
 1. Refuse to obey
 2. Put off obedience until another time
 3. Obey
 4. Which will you do today?
7. There is folly in waiting for three reasons
 1. Delay is rejection John 12:48
 2. Delay is the results in delusion Hebrews 3:12-13
 3. Delay is deadly 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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