

At Calvary
Lk 23:26-33
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about man's reaction to what God has done for us through His son at Calvary.

Introduction

I. From ignorance to acknowledgement

- A. A life of ignorance (v.1)
 - 1. The life of such a person is described as lived in "vanity & pride" (v.1a)
 - i. **Eph 4:17-18**
 - 2. The person is described as living at least somewhat unaware of what Christ had done on calvary (v.1b)
- B. Learning from God's Word about sin and calvary (v.2)
 - 1. Learning that you are living in contradiction to God's Word should spurn a response (v.2a)
 - i. **Pro 2:1-6**
 - 2. Godly sorrow should cause us to look to calvary and desire to change (v.2b)
 - i. **2 Cor 7:9-10**

II. Obedience & Faithfulness

- A. Obedience (v.3)
 - 1. Giving your life to Christ is done by obedience to the gospel (v.3a)
 - i. **Romans 6:17-18**
 - 2. The obedient person now gladly owns that is confesses Christ as their king (v.3b)
 - i. **John 12:42**
 - a. As a result of obedience we rejoice and give praise to God (v.3c)
 - i. **Psalm 26:6-7**
- B. Faithfulness (v.4)
 - 1. For the rest of our lives are life faithful and grateful for God's love and grace that He has shown to man (v.4a)
 - i. **Psalm 117:2**
 - 2. God made the pathway for man from darkness of sin to the light of Christ through His love and embraced by our obedience (v.4b)
 - i. **Acts 16:16-17**

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Man will always benefit from a humble and tender heart.
 - 1. Humble hearts lean on God, not on self.
 - 2. Psalm 25:9-10
- B. The way of Salvation is only in God.
 - 1. **Mankind cannot be saved by worldly teachings or standards of right and wrong.**
 - 2. **God's commands and His standard bring salvation to man.**

Application & Conclusion:

1. Chorus – Mercy was abundant, and God’s grace was freely given, pardon from the price of sin.
2. Man finds liberty because of the events on calvary.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9