

Rescue Me from Sin

Scripture Text:

We've learned a lot about being rescued.

Rescue: "Save (someone) from a dangerous or distressing situation"

Without Jesus Christ, we would be lost in sin.

"I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore."

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save."

1. Rescued by Jesus – Romans 6:6-7
 - a. In context: Romans 6:1-12
 - i. We should not continue in sin
 - ii. Baptized into the death of Jesus
 - iii. "Knowing this" – verses 1-5
 - b. The whole purpose of Jesus Christ coming to Earth was to die: "Why did my Savior come to Earth?"
 - i. Fullness of time – Galatians 4:4
 - ii. Set His face toward Jerusalem – Luke 9:51
 - iii. "About My Father's business" – Luke 2:49
 - c. Our sin has consequences
 - i. It took Jesus to the cross
 - ii. It kept Him hanging there, suspended between Heaven and Earth
 - iii. Why? "He loves me, He loves me, He loves me this I know (I know), He gave Himself to die for me, because He loves me so!"
2. God Doesn't Tempt Us – James 1:13-18
 - a. Context
 - i. V. 13 – Notice "when" – cf. 1:2. Not "if" but a definite thing.
 - ii. God doesn't tempt, we are tempted when we are drawn away from God! V. 14
 - iii. Maturity of sin – v. 15
 - iv. Goodness comes from God – v. 17
 - b. Nature of Sin
 - i. I John 2:15-17
 - ii. I John 3:4
 - iii. I John 3:8
 - c. Draw away from God
 - i. Placing emphasis on a right relationship with God
 - ii. Things of the world (Satan prince of this world – John 14:30) wants to pry us away
 - iii. How many times have you been hand-in-hand with God on this mountain and as soon as you hit the camp gate on Friday you forget about God until next year? Remember how you said you weren't going to do that again?

- iv. Remember, sin will take you farther than you want to go and keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay!
- 3. Escape Route – I Corinthians 10:13
 - a. Context
 - i. Note v. 12 – cf. Romans 12:3
 - ii. Begins the chapter talking about the Israelites and an example of their faithfulness.
 - b. Common temptation
 - i. Whatever sin/situation you are facing is not unique to you!
 - ii. That means others have given into it ***BUT*** others have overcome it as well – Romans 12:21
 - iii. Hebrews 4:15 – Jesus faced temptations like we do, yet He did not sin!
 - c. We can handle what comes our way!
 - i. Noah could handle his flood.
 - ii. Moses could handle his plagues.
 - iii. Joshua could handle Jericho.
 - iv. Elisha could handle Mt. Carmel.
 - v. David could handle his Goliath.
 - vi. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego could handle their fiery furnace.
 - vii. Daniel could survive his lion’s den. [ETC.]
 - viii. Jesus prayed – Matthew 26:39

- 1. Every temptation comes with a way of escape.
 - a. Sometimes it is easy as “Just Say No.”
 - b. Sometimes it involves removing habits in our life (drinking, smoking, lying, pre-marital sex, etc.)
 - c. Sometimes it involves getting new friends
 - d. It is not always easy – Jesus sweat drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane – Luke 22:44
- 2. What is our way of escaping our condemnation of sin?
 - a. SOS
 - b. Remain faithful
- 3. Remember, “There ain’t nothing going to come up today that me and the Lord can’t handle.”