

Christ Proclamation Church – Core Values

Bible Study 4; Monday, June 16, 2014; Steve Thiel

The Miraculous Nature of Saving Faith

We value clarity on the miraculous nature of saving faith. Sinners are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, and yet that faith is never alone. Saving faith is also not merely mental assent or a matter of human effort, but the result of God’s miraculous touch on a person’s life.

I. Every Sinner Needs a Miracle from God

A. Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. What are all the different ways that Ephesians 2:1-3 describes people before salvation?
2. How is the miraculous work of God described in verses 4-10 and what is the result?
3. How do these verses clarify that a person cannot earn their salvation?

B. Read Ezekiel 36:22-27

1. How are the people described before salvation?
2. How is the miraculous work of God described in verses 24-27 and what is the result?

C. Read John 3:1-15

1. What is the context for Jesus’ comments on the miraculous nature of true saving faith?
2. According to Jesus, what needs to happen to a person? And how does this event happen?

II. Jesus’ Miracles Foreshadow the Miracle of Salvation

- A. List three miracles that Jesus performed and describe how they point to the miracle of salvation.
- B. Hint – If you can’t think of any miracles, walk through the Gospel of John one chapter at a time.

III. Jesus Promised that Believers will be Miracle Workers like Him

A. Read John 14:8-14

1. What are the works that Jesus did and who will do them also?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says, “and greater works than these he will do”?

B. Application Questions

1. What do you think keeps you back from sharing the gospel?
2. What are some things that you can do to address those issues?