

"The Benefits of Belief"

Text: John 14:7-14

Scripture reading: I Tim. 4:1-16

I. Knowing God - vv. 7-10

II. Greater works - vv. 10b-12
(John 5:36; Matt. 11:3-7; John 16:7)

III. Answered prayer - vv. 13-14

A) The extent - "Whatever you ask, I will do"
(Eph. 3:20-21)

B) The qualification - "Ask in My name"

C) The objective - "the Father glorified in the Son"

Conclusion:

1) God being made known by _____

2) Salvation being made of the _____

3) Prayers being made in _____

"While it is, of course, true that trust is basically a very simple affair and that no more than trust in God is sought, yet we should be aware that faith has content. Christianity is not a faith in faith. It is faith in a God who has revealed Himself in Jesus. It is faith that the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father. Anything less than that is not Christian faith."

Leon Morris

Sermon quotes:

Leon Morris,

"We may profitably ask ourselves, 'What work on earth is greater than the salvation of souls? When a person is healed of a physical complaint that person's life on earth is enriched for a few more years. But when a soul is saved something has happened that lasts through eternity.'"

Martin Luther,

"A Christian without prayer is just as impossible as a living person without a pulse."

Donald Grey Barnhouse,

"To pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is to seek an endorsement of our request, and to bring into consideration that what we ask is consistent with the nature and purposes of our Savior."

Leon Morris,

Praying in the name of Jesus...

"...means that prayer is to be in accordance with all that that name stands for. It is prayer proceeding from faith in Christ, prayer that gives expression to oneness with Christ, prayer that seeks to glorify Christ."