

Scripture: Is. 61

Singing: 210:1, 4, 5 – 186:1-5 – 166:1-2 – 429:2-3

JESUS SERMON ABOUT HIMSELF (2)

I. I am filled with the Spirit II. I am come to preach the Gospel

III. I am come to be the Gospel

I. I AM FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT: *a sweet and encouraging tiding!*

II. I AM COME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

A. Jesus' preaching is *purest Gospel preaching*

1. What is the Gospel?

a. The Divine message about *what God is doing to save sinners*

2. Jesus Gospel addresses five needs we face as sinners

a. He preaches the Gospel to the *poor*

b. He heals the *brokenhearted*

c. He proclaims liberty to the *captives*

d. He preaches recovery of the sight of the blind

e. He sets at liberty that are *bruised (G: oppressed)*

3. Facing this gloomy truth, Jesus preached the *Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:9-15)*

III. I AM COME TO BE THE GOSPEL

A. The Gospel is essence is Jesus Himself

1. Words and wishes do not save any from the gloom and doom of sin!

2. Only the deeds and death of Jesus will do that!

B. The Gospel is therefore Jesus' Person and Work in two parts

1. The 1st part: *the story of His love **for** us!*

2. The 2nd part: *the story of His love **in** us!*

Gather yourself together ... (Zeph. 2:1)

A. Jesus has announced Himself to be *among us* as the Savior for you

1. Luke 19:10: *For the Son of man is come to seek & save that which is lost.*

2. Luke 5:32: *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance!*

B. Will you bear witness and wonder about these gracious Words as they did?

C. What must I do then as I cannot save, change, or even humble myself?

1. Obey the call of God!

2. Cast yourself upon the Jesus of God!

By obeying Christ's commands,
you will gain more than you can give. (T. Brooks)

Though no man merits assurance by his obedience,
yet God usually crowns obedience with assurance. (T. Brooks)

The reward of sin is more sin,
and the reward of the obedience of faith, is the power to obey again!
(adapted from D. Shepherd)

Faith in Christ's Word is the starting point of true obedience. (T. Chalmers)