

Message #5 “The Cornerstone... It’s Personal!”

The message on Sunday looked into the importance of the Bible being our personal cornerstone and not simply the cornerstone of the church.

In the message, I shared 2 examples of how the Bible can be used to directly effect our lives for the better.

Selfishness and Pride

Galatians 2:20–21 (ESV): I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Fear and Anxiety

1 John 4:17–18 (ESV): By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

I want to add another for your consideration today.

Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 (ESV): bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

We often walk with excess mental and physical strain and baggage because we have not forgiven ourselves and others for life experiences that have offended us. Now hear me out, this is an important topic for the church to know about don’t you think? Sure it is.

But on a personal level, do you have any weight or stress from unforgiveness? Do you experience today the results of violation and betrayal against you? Have you experienced violation or betrayal that continues today, take from you? As God has forgiven us for our sins against Him, we have the power to forgive those who have hurt us. It’s not a question of if I can, but rather a question of, will I forgive?

You can keep this as a truth to be taught in the local church, however the real power of this truth is that we can be free from the heaviness of unforgiveness, if we will take the Word and specifically apply it to our broken places.

Can you list one person in your life that if you did forgive them you would have less weight on your shoulders?

As a wrap up, discuss for a few minutes other areas of God's Word that we would do well to actually make personal.