

Sermon Notes:

Faith

“Now faith is confidence is what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

We know that God’s salvation is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus for sinners.

Q: From the human perspective, what activates our salvation?

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God”. Ephesians 2:8

Q: What is faith?

As repentance is the negative aspect of conversion – turning from one’s sin, so faith is the positive aspect – laying hold of the promises and the work of Christ. It is the vehicle by which we are enabled to receive the grace of God.

Q: Is salvation only through faith in Christ? What about works?

“We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we too have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.” Galatians 2:16

Prayer: Holy Spirit, you sought us when we could not seek you because we were dead in our trespasses and sins. You are the giver of our faith; none of us would believe apart from your regenerating grace, by which you make hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Let us put aside all boasting in light of your undeserved mercy. Amen.