



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

The Transforming Work of Jesus Christ in the life of Zacchaeus ... By Gareth

READ: LUKE 19:1-10

- That final verse, verse 10, that final statement of our Lord Jesus is the most valuable, the most glorious and the most important truth ever revealed in Scripture, because God is a seeker and a saver of those who are lost. This is true to the nature of God. From the fall of man in the Garden of Eden when the Lord came searching for Adam and Eve who were hiding from Him, and He said, "Where are you?" *Genesis 3:8 and 9*, God has continued to seek for lost and hidden sinners. It all began in the Garden of Eden and it still going on to this day.
- Sin has devastated all of humanity and all of humanity is marred, corrupted, evil, ruined and heading for eternal damnation. We are all in that same condition. *Romans 3, vs 10-18, or Ephesians 4, vs 17*. So, I say, *verse 10* is the most important truth laid out in all of Scripture.
- Matthew 1:21, the angel says upon announcing the birth of Jesus, "*Call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*" At His very birth it was clear that that is why He came. The Bible talks about men seeking God. It talks about sinners seeking God. But when you look at it more closely it is God who does the initial seeking.
- That's exactly what happens in the story of Zacchaeus. Jesus seeks him and before it's over.
- Zacchaeus responds by seeking Jesus. Any seeking on the part of a sinner must be in response to the seeking on the part of God. So we meet the sinner, the sinner that Jesus is going to save. And this sinner is going to get the shock of his life. And he's going to be the shock of the town, too.
- **Personal call**
Jesus didn't call out and say you up the tree come; no he called Zacchaeus by name. Jesus called the disciples by name to follow him.
- **Urgent call**, or a hastening call (a do not delay call)
I must abide at your house today, not tomorrow or sometime in the future. Today is the day of salvation.
- **A humbling call**
Zacchaeus had to come down from the tree, those who are drawn by Christ must come down from a place of self-righteousness, self-ownership, and pride must be broken
- **Consequences of the call**
It brought about repentance, v 8 Give back to any that I have taken from.
- **An abiding call.** "To-day I must abide at thy house." God desires to set-up permanent residence in our hearts,

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- Necessary call. Just read *verse 5b* over again. “*Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.*” It was not a thing that he might do, or might not do; but it was a necessary call. The salvation of every blood-bought child of God is a necessary thing for three reasons; it is necessary because it is God’s purpose; it is necessary because it is Christ’s purchase; it is necessary because it is God’s promise. It is necessary that the child of God should be saved.

Events /Notices

- ▶ **Harvest Praise Service** *Saturday 28th Oct 4pm @ 110*, all welcome.
- ▶ **Clocks to be put back** one hour this Sunday.
- ▶ **Many road closures** will be in place this Sunday around the city so please check the following web link: <http://sseairtricitydublinmarathon.ie/traffic-information/>
- ▶ **National day of worship**, prayer and repentance next Saturday at National Stadium, South Circular Rd, D.8 *11am-5pm*
- ▶ **Lliya Panov from Bulgaria** will be sharing word next Sunday 5th Nov and there will be prayer for healing afterwards.
- ▶ **Next Bible study** will take place on Friday the *11th of November* at *7pm* in 110

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

- ▶ **Crèche and Pre-school Praise**

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).
- ▶ **Sunday School**

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11).
- ▶ **Tea and Coffee**

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).