

Change of Status: From Sinner To Saint

Luke 9:1-10

1. Intro

1. In your life has there ever been a change of status?
 1. You moved from one area of life into another.
 1. Relationship, health, work, financial.
2. Over the next few weeks we will look at three Bible characters that had a change of status; Zacchaeus, Peter and Paul, and then look at the Man who changed their status.
3. Thesis
 1. In this life we are given the opportunity to change our status from sinner to saint.

2. Howard Hughes (1905-1976)

1. Noted for aviation, filmmaking and real estate.
 1. Built the "Spruce Goose" (1947)
 1. 8 radial engines, wingspan 319' (747-211'), fuselage 219' (747-231')
 2. Made 1 flight of 1 mile at 70' altitude
2. In later life became a recluse.
 1. Diagnosed with OCD.
 2. What would cause a man to change like he did?
 1. Did what he wanted (\$)
 2. People subservient to him.
 3. Everybody wanted a piece of him
3. Died at age 70, 6' 4" tall, weight 90 lbs.
4. From early life to his death there was a huge change in him.

3. Zacchaeus

1. Occupation
 1. Tax collector - despised as; social outcast. (2)
 2. Overtaxed the people. As a result he was rich.
2. Need
 1. He was classified as "a sinner" (7)
 2. Jesus had a reputation of associating with the outcasts.
 3. Wanted to see Jesus. A crowd separated him. Climbed a tree (undignified). Something was going on in his heart.
3. Receptivity
 1. Was repentant (8)
 2. Changed his thinking about what was important
 3. Willing to repay.

4. Jesus

1. Calls him by name. (5)
2. States that He wants to visit with Zach. Doesn't wait for an invitation. Shows the sovereignty of Jesus.
 1. Zach response show human responsibility.
3. With Zach's response, Jesus sees him as a true son of Abraham. (9-10)

5. Application

1. Does our occupation, or lack thereof, prevent us from seeking Jesus?
2. Do we see a need in ourselves for something more than what this life can offer?
 1. Do material things get in their way of a change of status
3. Our recognition of our state requires more than just lip service if we are to follow Jesus.

6. Conclusion

1. Change of status
 1. Transference from the earthly to the heavenly
 1. Initially it was a change within this life
 2. The focus is future
2. Howard Hughes changed, but only in relationship to other people
3. We need to change, but in relationship to Christ.