

THREE CHEERS FROM JESUS!

TEXT: Matthew 9:2

INTRO:

A. What needs do you have this morning?

1. We all have needs!

B. Do you need to be encouraged?

1. If so listen to the word's of Christ - "Be of good cheer!" - "be of good comfort!"
2. Jesus can do more than just SAY the words - but He can EFFECT His words.

I. THE CHEER OF SALVATION FOR THE LOST: "THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE" (Matt. 9:1-8 v.2).

A. The context: A Helpless man with palsy, four concerned men, and a compassionate saviour.

B. The vast difference between what the Law of God says to you and what Jesus can say.

1. When Christ came into the world He did not come to condemn the world (Jn. 3:17).
 - a. Why? - Because the world is condemned already (Jn 3:18-20)!
2. The law cries to you to be troubled (Rom.2:11-15; 3:9-20)
 - a. The Law says, "guilty!" It says, "condemned!" (Rom. 3:19).
 - b. There is no encouragement to be found in what you have "done" or "do" (Gal 3:10; 4:20).
 - c. You are helpless, just like this man with the palsy.

C. Christ's send salutations of "CHEER" to those who are in need of salvation.

1. The greatest words that a sinful man can ever hear: thy sins be forgiven thee. ”
 - a. Oh how we need to have our sins forgiven!
 - b. Our sin are many, great, and horrible!
 - c. Oh the joy to hear the words of sins FORGIVEN (Isaiah 43:25; 44:22).
2. The authority of Christ to forgive sin (Matt. 9:3-6)
 - a. This man was healed by Christ to manifest His power to forgive sin.
3. The right of Christ to forgive sin - because of His work (Jn.17:2-4).

D. The Importance of bringing men to Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

1. A closer look at this text in another gospel (Mk.2:1-5).
2. Notice the compassion of these four!
 - a. The compassion we need .to go the extra mile, to pray the extra prayer, to patiently witness, to use every scriptural means to bring men to Christ.
3. We need to take sinners to the ONLY one that Can save them (No religion, No priest, No faith healer, No baptism....)
 - a. ONLY JESUS (Acts.4:12; 13:38-39)!
 - b. What are you trusting in?

II. THE CHEER OF CONSOLATION FOR THE SAVED: "IT IS I; BE NOT AFRAID." (Matt. 14:22-27 v.27).

A. The Context: Jesus alone in a mountain praying and His helpless disciples alone in a storm tossed ship.

B. It is "I" - Jesus is the reason for His disciples to cease worry.

1. He has power over the sea (v.32).
 - a. If He can stop a storm He can help and meet your need (Phil.4:6-9).
 - b. There are things for us to "DO" to "stay out" of trouble (Phil.4:9).

C. We are to cast our cares on him when we are in trouble (I Pet. 5:7).

1. Remember that ALL things work together for the believer's good and God's glory (Rom.8:28).

III. THE CHEER OF VICTORY FOR THE SAVED: "I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." (Jn. 16:16-22, 29-33 V.33).

A. The context: Jesus encourages his disciples just before his crucifixion.

B. The sadness of the Disciples because they did not understand the details of the Messiah's work.

1. What must have been going through their minds at the crucifixion (Lk. 24:21).
2. The ground of their sorrow would be turned into the foundation of their joy (Jn.16:20).
3. The joy of the Death of Christ can only be seen in the resurrection - THIS IS THE SHOUT OF VICTORY.
4. Because of His resurrection we shall be raised!

C. The continued need of joy for the disciples in the world today (v.33).

1. The world is still against us and our Christ (Jn.15:18-21; Lk.23:31; Phil.1:27-29).
 - a. We battle the world, the devil, and self.
 - b. In all our tribulation from the world we can rest assured in Christ's victory over it (Jn.16:33; I Cor.15:55-57; I Jn.5:4-5).
 - c. This joy no man can take from us (Jn.16:22).

CON:

A. Oh what wonderful words from Jesus!

1. The cheer of salvation.
2. The cheer of consolation.
3. The cheer of victory.

B. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can bring these three things to your life.

C. Flee from yourself, turn to Him, and find in Him and Him alone all those things that you are lacking.

1. Repent of your sins (Law breaking).
2. Trust in the finished work of the risen Christ.