



Sermon Notes: A Tale of Two Sons

1. The catalyst of Jesus' salvation.

- a. The catalyst of salvation is God's presence.
- b. The catalyst of salvation is God's power.

2. The nature of Jesus' salvation.

- a. Salvation is rescue out of bondage.
- b. Salvation is mercy out of trials.
- c. Salvation is light out of darkness.
- d. Salvation is peace out of conflict.

3. The purpose of Jesus' salvation.

- a. So that, being made holy and righteous...
- b. We might worship and serve Christ forever.

4. The response to Jesus' salvation.

- a. Wonder and amazement.
- b. Proclamation and praise.
- c. Journeying in countercultural obedience.



Application Questions: A Tale of Two Sons

1. What are some ways you've observed Christians being pressed into the mold of liberal/progressive culture?
2. What are some ways you've observed Christians being pressed into the mold of conservative/traditional culture?
3. How would a distinctly Christian counterculture look different than either #1 or #2?
4. What are some things that inspire awe and wonder in your heart? What about your peers – what do they think is awesome? What is it about these things that we find awe-inspiring?
5. What are some things that you instinctively praise? What about your peers – what do they instinctively praise? What is it about these things that we find so praiseworthy?
6. Review your answers to #4-5. What does this say about you?
7. Consider this series of questions individually and then collectively:
 - What are some sources or instances of bondage (loss of freedom or control) in your life?
 - What are some sources or instances of disappointment or pain in your life?
 - What are some sources or instances of darkness in your life?
 - What are some sources or instances of conflict in your life?
8. Review your answers to #7. What themes do you observe? What would you say is the main thing that's hindering you from experiencing the joy of your salvation to the fullest?
9. What does the presence and power of God say to your answers to #7-8?
10. Before this message, how would you have finished this sentence: "*The purpose, the point, of Jesus' salvation is so that we might _____*"? What, if anything, is incomplete about your statement? How would you reword it now?
11. Look at your final answer to #10. If this is the purpose of your salvation, how will you seek to experience that this week? What specifically will you do to strive for this goal?