

# The walking dead

My sermon today is going to be about something that probably has never been preached about before or will be again.

Something you may even wonder what it has to do with being a Christian.

You probably thought i was joking when i told you i was preaching on this before.

A. Today i am going to be preaching about zombies.

1. and am not talking about how some of you look right now.
2. They are the popular thing right now. We see all types of shows, movies, toys and games with them.
4. They walk around groaning with their arms out looking to devour.
  - a. But i am not going to be talking about those types of zombies.
5. There is a different type of the walking dead on the earth.
  - a. We see them everyday out on the street, at our jobs, at school, they may even be our friends and family.
6. This kind of zombie may not even be noticeable to the naked eye.
7. You might even be this type of zombie and not even realize it.
8. I am talking about someone that is not dead on the outside but dead on the inside.

(spiritually)

9. Jesus said people like this are like white washed tombs.

Matthew 23:27 - "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!

You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

10. How many people are spiritually dead and don't even know it?

11. There are three types of death we will experience in life.

a. spiritual, physical, and eternal death.

1. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God.

2. Physical death is the separation of the soul from the body.

3. Eternal death is permanent separation from God in hell.

12. The first kind of death that we will experience is spiritual death.

13. God says everyone who sins dies.

Romans 7:9 - Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.

14. Adam and Eve were told if they ate the fruit they would die.

- but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. Genesis 2:17

15. They didn't die physically at that point but spiritually.

16. Spiritual death occurs when sin separates us from God.

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

17. The wages of sin is death!

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

18. Sin and death came into the world through Adam and spread through everyone.

Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

19. Everyone has sinned in this life.

- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

20. That means everyone who hasn't obeyed God's word and are not part of his church are spiritually dead.

19. There are roughly 7.6 billion people in the world and only 2 million members of the Church of Christ.

a. The Church of Christ makes up .026% of the world's population.

b. That is like a stadium with 100,000 people only 26 would be Christians.

2. That means we have a lot of work to do doesn't it.

21. Jesus said it right.

- Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Mat 9:37

22. We need to go into the harvest and work the field.

Mat 9:38 - Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

23. The early church spread the gospel to the whole world and so can we.

Col 1:23 - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

## B. Zombie shows vs real life

1. Every zombie show turns out the same doesn't it.

a. There is a virus that spreads infecting humanity

b. Everyone is infected but a small group of people

c. The survivors have to find a cure for the virus

d. Once the cure is found they can save humanity

2. The plot is a lot like our world today.

3. There is a virus "sin" that spread throughout humanity

Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

4. Sin brings forth death

James 1:15 - Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death.

5. There is a small group of survivors "Christians" who have to battle this plague.

Matthew 7:13-14 - "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

6. God has given us the cure.

1 Corinthians 15:2 - By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

7. God's son is the cure.

- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

8. We are cleansed by Jesus' blood

Ephesians 1:7 - In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

9. We come in contact with his blood at baptism

- Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4

10. We have the cure and others need it.

Matthew 28:19 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

11. When someone is a watchmen on duty in a city or in the military watching he is responsible to warn others.

12. If he blows the trumpet and warns others he has done his job but if he doesn't their blood is on his hands.

Ezekiel 33:7-9 - "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

13. God is holding us accountable to warn others about the consequences of sin.

14. Let's not have blood on our hands when we face God someday.

15. Do not be ashamed of the gospel it offers salvation to anyone who believes and obeys.

Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

C. How do we survive this spiritual zombie apocalypse.

1. We live in a crazy time right now sometimes it seems like the world has gone mad.

2. The bible tells us how people are going to act in the last days.

Timothy 3:1-5 - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

3. Sounds like he is describing a lot of people today.

D. How do we avoid being taken over by the spiritually dead?

1. Don't hang out with the zombies or you might get bit.

- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; Psalm 1:1

a. We see the progression here from walking to standing to sitting.

2. Solomon gives some great advice to this problem.

Proverbs 4:14-15 - Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

3. If we hang out with sinners long enough we will become just like them.

1 Cor 15:33 - Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

4. Walk with the wise not the foolish.

Proverbs 13:20 - Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

a. You are the average of the 5 people you spend the most time with.

5. If someone comes with another gospel don't even let them into your house.

2 John 1:10 - If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

E. The second thing we need to do is stick together.

1. There is strength in numbers

Ecclesiastes 4:12 - Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

2. We need to be in a agreement and not have any divisions.

1 Corinthians 1:10 - Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

3. We are Christs body we need to build each other up with love and do our part.

Ephesians 4:16 - From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

4. David says it right in psalms.

- How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Psalms 133:1

F. The third thing we need to do is be watchful and guard ourselves.

1. The devil is constantly looking for a way to attack us.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

a. Just like a lion he looks to attack and pick off the weak members of the church or those with your guard down.

2. We need to stand firm and be strong

1 Corinthians 16:13 - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

3. Stand up for what you believe the wicked should flee not us

Proverbs 28:1 - The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

a. God gave us a spirit of power not fear.

- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2

Timothy 1:7

3. We need to be watchful and ready because Jesus is coming back when we don't expect it.

Matthew 24:44 - Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

G. We also need to look to God for help.

1. Lets look to God not man for help.

Pslam 60:11 - "Give us help from trouble, for the help of man is useless."

2. We shouldn't fear because God is there to help and uphold us.

Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

3. No one can deliver us out of God's hand

Deuteronomy 32:39 - "See now that I myself am He! There is no God besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand."

4. If God is on your side you can't lose.

- What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

a. God plus one person is a majority.

5. With God's help we can soar like an eagle and not grow faint.

Isaiah 40:31 - but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

6. We can do all things with Gods help.

- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

H. Lastly we have the cure lets use it to save others.

1. If you were in a real zombie apocalypse and you had the cure wouldn't you want to help as many people as possible.

2. Let's go out and spread the gospel like Jesus told us to do.

- And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Mark 16:15

3. We need to declare God's glory and works to everyone.

Psalms 96:3 - Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

4. Gods word is truth.

John 17:17 - Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

5. The truth shall set us free.

John 8:31-32 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

6. If Jesus sets you free you are free indeed.

- Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:34-36

7. There is only one son of God and salvation offered in one name. Acts 4:12 - Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

8. Thank God we have victory in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 - But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. The words i have spoken to you today are spirit and life.

John 6:63 - The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

10. If you want to be born again and become spiritually alive now is the time to come forward.