

## SERMON SUMMARY

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost — Matthew 21:28-32

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
September 27, 2020

### I. Exploring the Text

But from the context of Matthew 21, we'll make this proposal this evening/morning: instead of working in the \_\_\_\_\_, the son was doing other things.

Everyone's happy to see Jesus arrive. Everyone, that is, except the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Pharisees consider themselves the \_\_\_\_\_ that holds society together, and this has some merit to it.

There's a problem, though: they despise Jesus. They want Him \_\_\_\_\_.

They teach righteousness by \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus, on the other hand, teaches that you can't make yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

The workers are there because the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ them.

This parable is about the \_\_\_\_\_ that God speaks His Word; and, that by His Word, He makes for Himself children who dwell in His kingdom forever.

Instead, it warns against believing that you can \_\_\_\_\_ yourself by your own works.

And then, it announces the \_\_\_\_\_ that you are saved—not by your works and good behavior, but by the gift of forgiveness the Lord gives to you in His \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Relevance, Practicality, and Other Dangers to the Church

The Good News of Christ and Him \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't offer a hazy proposal of salvation in the future: it gives forgiveness, salvation and eternal life to you right now.

Rather than rely on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit to turn sinners to repentance by the proclamation of the Bible, many say that Christians should proclaim world-friendly messages instead, and get to the \_\_\_\_\_ sometime later on.

It is quite possible to be a chaste, financially solvent, unprejudiced volunteer and still be \_\_\_\_\_ in sin.

The mission of the Church is to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel of Christ and Him crucified, because this Good News forgives sins, gives faith and eternal life.

But the Holy Spirit has \_\_\_\_\_ you by the Gospel, sanctified and kept you in the true faith—He has brought you into the vineyard of God's kingdom solely by His \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Questions**

1. What is the parable that Jesus told, about the two sons, one going and one not going into the vineyard, is all about?
2. Are you supposed to do good works? Why?
3. What has Jesus done for you?
4. What is the message that the Church proclaims?
5. Any questions or comments about this sermon?