

# CCAF SERMON NOTES FROM BISHOP HAROLD E. RAYFORD

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SERMON NOTES FROM 4/7/24

Text: Romans 1:8-17

Subject: Jesus Saves!

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**Write this down:** Spiritual maturity is a process, not an event. New Saints need constant care and support. Not constant criticism and unfair critique.

Jeremiah 31:3, Luke 22:32, Ephesians 6:4, I Peter 3:15

**Write this down:** We must be careful not to conflate (or combine) the message of the Gospel and the messengers of the Gospel. Where the Gospel is concerned, methods and messengers change, but the message must never change! Jesus Saves!

Romans 10:13-15, I Corinthians 9:16, I Corinthians 1:17-21

**Write this down:** There are some modern misnomers of good preaching that must be corrected. Good preaching is NOT always energetic, entertaining or exciting. Nor is it antagonist, angry or adversarial.

Good preaching corrects, convicts and converts! Preaching is not a contest, it is an assignment!

Romans 10:11-17

**Write this down:** Being saved...feels Good! Not just initially, but over time too.

Romans 8:13, I Corinthians 15:56-57

**Write this down:** The words "Jesus Saves", are the best answer to the most alarming problems of our day! The News Outlets are all the motivation we need to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ with urgency. Romans 1:16, Hebrews 7:25