**Messages Series: Building the Kingdom Together**

**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. December 4, 2016**

**A Sad End To Great Beginning**

Nehemiah 13

**Key Truth:** Spiritual **erosion** doesn’t happen overnight but gradually through our sinful c**hoices**.

**Nehemiah’s Return: A Shocking Discovery**

1. **Compromising** Leadership – vs. 4-9

2. Spiritual **Complacency** – vs. 10-14

3. Cultural **Conformity** – vs. 15-18

4. **Corruptible** Living – vs. 23-27

5. No **Covenantal** Commitment – vs. 28-29

**Nehemiah Teaches Us Why We Need A Savior:**

**Nehemiah 10:28-39**

1. Our **Hearts** are always drawn toward sin.

 1 Kings 11:1-13, Romans 7:21-25

2. We can never on our on merit **please** God.

 Galatians 3:10-14

3. We cannot keep our **commitments** apart from the

 work of the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:1-11

4. We don’t want God we want **things** from God.

 John 6:25

**Conclusion:** Trust Jesus Christ for salvation and receive communion today.

**Food for Thought for the week of December 4, 2016** (Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. In Romans chapter 3 the Apostle Paul explains to the Roman Christians their need for a Savior. He lays out his case in the following verses:

Romans 9-18

**9**Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. **10**As the Scriptures say,

“No one is righteous—not even one.
**11**No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.
**12**All have turned away; all have become useless.
No one does good, not a single one.”
**13**“Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with lies.”
“Snake venom drips from their lips.”
**14** “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”
**15**“They rush to commit murder.
**16** Destruction and misery always follow them.
**17**They don’t know where to find peace.”
**18** “They have no fear of God at all.

How does knowing this increase your love for Jesus Christ?

What do you believe is the biggest issue when sharing the gospel in our society?

Begin praying for someone you know who needs salvation.