

To the Bankrupt

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I. Introduction.

- A. Many people are looking for a faith that means something today.
- B. It is no sin to be tempted because Jesus himself was tempted for forty days. (Luke 3:21, 4:1)
- C. The Devil only left Jesus for seasons—he never gave up on Jesus and he will never give up on you.
- D. One can experience the power of the Spirit.

II. Jesus' mission was to proclaim the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to give deliverance to the captives, to recover the sight of the blind and to heal the bruised.

III. The bankrupt.

- A. There are bankrupt sinners and bankrupt saints.
- B. The good news for the bankrupt sinners and bankrupt saints is that Jesus brings life for peace and joy. (Romans 5)
- C. Christ died for the ungodly—no matter how bad a person is, they can have life.
- D. Salvation is more than forgiveness. (Romans 5:10)
 - 1. We are reconciled by the death of Christ.
 - 2. We are saved by the life of Christ.
- E. If we try to live the Christian life on our own efforts apart from the life of Christ, we will live in failure and accept it as normal.

Application questions:

1. How would you counsel a Christian struggling to find peace?

2. How does the Bible show that salvation is more than forgiveness?

3. How can the power of Jesus help you in your current struggles? Explain.
