Samson
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I. Introduction.
   A. Jesus taught that there is a broad road and narrow road of life and we all have to make a decision about which road to go down.
   C. Many youth today are idealists - people want to believe something and admire those who do.
   D. What is the problem with youth today? The problem is deeper than outward manifestations.

II. Samson.
   A. Samson described.
      1. He was handsome.
      2. He was the strongest man alive outside of Jesus.
      3. He was set apart by God before birth to be a leader of Israel marked by his long hair.
      4. A person reaches the age of accountability and must make his own decisions about God. If you do not receive Christ there will be hell. If you do receive Him, there will be hardship, but there will be peace and victory in the midst of them.
      5. Even as children we are born into sin.
   B. Samson’s character.
      1. Samson had a moral problem with sexuality.
      2. Samson fell in love with the wrong woman.
      3. Samson had a parental problem - no parent set an example for him.
      4. He also had a problem of youthful energy.
      5. Finally his problem was sin.
      6. He would reap what he sewed.
      7. God holds those responsible who know more.
      8. God loves you and has brought the message so that you might turn to Jesus Christ before it is too late.
9. Delilah had been sent to trap Samson and was ultimately successful.

10. Do not wait too long to come to Christ - the time will pass.

III. What can be done.

A. Jesus came to save sinners like you - this is what the cross is about.
   1. Jesus was made to be sin for us.
   2. Jesus took the judgment that we deserve upon Himself.
   3. Because of this God can forgive us and justify us.

B. We must receive Him as savior for doing this.

C. We must repent of an old way of life.
   1. Christ comes first.
   2. Our inner life and our outward life is renewed.
   3. We cannot live that kind of life, but when we surrender our life He will enable you through the Holy Spirit.

D. Samson repented and was restored before the Lord. Renew your confirmation vow or come and receive Christ for the first time.

Application questions

1. How did Samson fail God?

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3. Samson repented and returned to God. Will you do the same? What does the speaker say must happen for this return? Explain.

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