

SERMON NOTES

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HEBREWS 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.



WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Friday Night Bible Study 7:30 PM

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LIKE A CHILD

“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew. 18:3).

One of the wonderful and amazing things about little children is their implicit trust and confidence in their parents. They only need a simple statement or promise from Mom or Dad as the foundation of that trust and confidence. Lengthy explanations are not required nor asked for. Simply make them a promise and sincere belief and trust springs up in their hearts. How is this manifest? They follow Mom and Dad around, living on that promise, continually reminding them of it, and awaiting its fulfillment!

Is not that the way the children of God live before their heavenly Father? “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13).

~Maurice Montgomery

IT PLEASED THE LORD TO BRUISE HIM

ISAIAH 53:10

There are several reasons the Father took pleasure in bruising His Son by sacrificing Him upon the tree.

- It pleased the holy justice of the Father to slaughter His Son as the substitute for His people because the Son was made sin for His people. “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:4-5) “for the transgression of my people was he stricken.” (Isaiah 53:8)

- It pleased the Father to see His eternal purpose of the redemption of His people accomplished through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son made flesh. “He shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” (Isaiah 53:10)

- It pleased the holy nature of God. God can only accept what is perfectly holy. The Father is pleased to accept His people because the sacrifice of Christ fully justified them. “By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities” (Isaiah 53:11)

- It pleased the grace of God to make peace for His elect people through the sacrifice of the Son. “The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5) ~Pastor Frank Tate

Brethren, we’re walking through a world that hates us for Christ’s sake. We’re struggling with doubts and fears within and discouragements and disappointments without...continually being attacked on every side by the fiery darts of Satan that would hinder us. Knowing these things, let us be praying for one another, looking for opportunities to be an encouragement...knowing that our lives are but a vapor and soon we shall leave this fleeting world for that which the Lord Jesus has secured and prepared for us. ~Marvin Stalnaker

In the face of events that shake our society to its very foundation, we must not be shaken. Our God is still on His throne. Let us, therefore, walk through this world of woe, even through this valley of the shadow of death, confident and free of fear. God has not given up the reigns of the universe. He has not taken his hand off the helm of the ship. He is still in total control of all things, at all times, in all places. ~Pastor Don Fortner

SHEEP AND GOATS

May we read these physical differences with spiritual eyes!

Internally, sheep and goats are very different. Sheep have 54 chromosomes, while goats have 60. They are different species!

Outwardly, they can look very similar at a glance. But there are some differences.

Tails- this is the quickest way to tell them apart. A sheep's tail hangs down, a goat's sticks up.

Coats- sheep have wool and the coat lasts a very long time. Goats have hair and it falls off as quickly as it grows.

Maintenance- sheep need protection, care, and shearing regularly from a skilled shepherd. A goat does not require the touch or protection of a shepherd.

Horns- Goats have narrow, straight, pointy horns. Dangerous to those around it, even when they are not being aggressive. Sheep have horns too, but they are wider, smoother, and curved.

What they eat- Sheep need to eat short plants that are close to the ground. Tender things like grass and clover are their main diet. Goats like a wide variety of foods. They can eat the grass or the briars, it does not matter to them.

Where they eat- goats are more agile and are browsers. They like to eat things at eye level or higher, standing on their hind legs. Sheep like their heads down low and to graze only on good pasture.

Smell- a goat smells much worse than a sheep. Not to the other goats or to sheep, but to the shepherds.

Lord, tuck my tail, give me an eternal coat of righteousness, make my defenses gentle, make me feed on the simplicity of Christ, keep my head down on the pasture in which you have placed me, and make me a sweet-smelling savor to my God! Make me your sheep!
~Kevin Thacker

If my understanding of any doctrine of the Scripture does not cause me to love and appreciate Christ more, I do not really have an understanding of that doctrine, no matter how sound my defining of that doctrine may seem to be.

~Todd Nibert

While in unpleasant circumstances, we may say, "I wish...". However, at the same time we are thankful that our wish is NOT His command. We know that all our circumstances are ordered perfectly by God for our good and for His glory. Faith rejoices to be at His command and would wish it no other way.

~Greg Elmquist

ANNOUNCEMENT

- We will come to *The Lord's Table* (DV) after a short message following our afternoon meal.
- Don't forget to set your **CLOCKS** forward this weekend.

IS SALVATION A CHOICE?

Yes, salvation is a choice. Salvation is the choice of God. *"For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy"* (Romans 9:15-16). God the Father elected a people who He would save by the obedience and sacrifice of His Son. God the Son came in the flesh to willingly suffer and die to put the sin of His people away. God the Holy Spirit moves when and where He will to give life and faith to God's elect through the preaching of the Gospel. Salvation is all by the will (the choosing), the doing, and the application of God.

~Pastor Tom Harding

THE BELIEVER'S RULE OF LIFE

I left the pulpit one night and a fellow asked me, "Do you believe the law to be a believer's rule of life?" He seemed surprised when I told him I did not. His very next question was, "How do you know how to live?" I told him immediately that I lived just as the Apostle Paul, **"The life that I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God"** (Galatians 2:20). This was the rule of life for Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Abel and all others who have nothing but Jesus Christ to live upon. Someone would say, "You mean you live as you want to?" I wish I could: I would be filled with the Spirit, I would never sin again, all my motives would be pure, and I would be delivered from the body of this death. Oh, I wish I could live just like I want to. The closest thing I have found to living just like I would like to is living by faith upon Jesus Christ the Dear and Blessed Son of God.

~Pastor Bruce Crabtree

Do yourself a favor... Do your soul a favor... Avail yourself to every opportunity of hearing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God speaks to man through his word, he spoke to me; who knows, he may speak to you.

~Pastor Scott Richardson

"Our anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strengths."

-C. H. Spurgeon

"Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." -- Matthew 15:25-27

“Blessed is the man that delights....in the law of the LORD (the whole of God's word); and in that law does he meditate day and night”- Ps.1:1-2.

When the Lord first converted me I read a lot of chapters in the Bible. After a while the Lord's word became more precious to me and I began to read verses. As I felt more of the power of his word and the comfort and strength it brought to my heart, I began to read words. But not only did I read words but I began to meditate on the words I read. How much more rich and valuable the instructions and correction and encouragement became. How much more delightful to my heart. And it seemed as if the word had a tendency to dwell in me longer. And the more I read the word of Christ the more I wanted to read it.

I fear at first I was reading the word like Martin Luther said many read it; 'Most read their Bibles like cows that stand in the thick grass, and trample under their feet the finest flowers and herbs.' I would rather have a word from God's book to dwell in me richly and do me good than a whole chapter with no effect.

Luther told us how he read the Bible: 'First I shake the whole apple tree, that the ripest fruit might fall. Then I climb the tree and shake each limb, and then each branch, and then each twig, and then I look under each leaf.'

Our Lord's word is a mine full of gold, patiently dig one precious nugget at a time and it will make you rich. - Pastor Bruce Crabtree

HE GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP John 10: 1

Jesus Christ appeared in this world as a representative and substitute of a people given to Him by the Father before the world began. Both His life and His death were vicarious. (Vicarious according to the dictionary means something performed or endured by one person substituting for another or appearing in the place of another.)

In Romans 8: 33 it says, "who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." All of God's elect have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (see Ephesians 1: 3-7) To view the death of Christ in any other way is to view His death as a vain attempt by an impotent god, who sacrificed his son for nothing. To view His death in any other way destroys the wisdom of God, violates the justice of God, and turns the love of God into a mere passion.

Christ died for our sins according to the scripture, and according to the scriptures His death was vicarious. - Pastor Darvin Pruitt

GOD IS ABLE

We live in a religiously ignorant world where men and women are constantly using words like "want wanted, and wanting, try, tried and trying," in the same sentence to describe Supreme and Sovereign Deity. A man or a woman that does so, reveals in their speech that they do not know the God and the Christ of the Bible.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14) "I know thou canst do everything." (Job 42:2) "With God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26) "For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37) God can do everything He wants to do, and God does everything He is pleased to do. (Psalms 115:3) (Psalms 135:6)

- God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20)
 - God is able to make all grace abound toward you that you may be sufficient in all things, and abound to every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)
 - God is able even to subdue all things unto Himself. (Philippians 3:21)
 - Jesus Christ is able to change your vile bodies and make them glorious like His. (Philippians 3:21)
 - God the Father is able to save to the uttermost those that come unto Him by Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 7:25)
 - Jesus Christ is able to keep that which chosen sinners have committed unto Him. (2 Timothy 1:12)
 - God is able to make thee wise unto salvation. (2 Timothy 3:15)
 - God is able to succor them that are tempted. (Hebrews 2:18)
 - God is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless. (Jude 1:24)
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- Pastor David Eddmenson

NO RAIN DANCE RELIGION

The Lord Jesus did not come to show us what to do for salvation or to do something that if we will only respond to, we will be saved. Christ came to do what we never could or shall do, that is, please God on behalf of and pay for the sin of His people. When He is preached, God gives faith to those for whom He died, to lay hold of Him as their Substitute. The Savior redeemed them by His precious blood and made them worthy by His perfect righteousness as a man. Is this good enough for you?

Rain dance religion will employ fleshly means in order to get the results that men are after. "Let's get him saved," they say. Can you? What is needed is mercy, and when will God show mercy? When sinners are convinced to do something, or when His Son is exalted? **"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me,"** John 12:32. - Pastor Chris Cunningham