

SERMON NOTES

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ISAIHA 9:6-7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



## 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)

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### CHRIST IS OUR MESSAGE

Some years ago I was being considered by a church to be their pastor. They met with me to ask some questions. They asked if I preached on the issues of the day, I replied, I preach Christ; he is my message. They replied; we know that, but do you preach messages against rock and roll, abortion, etc. I replied, our children can quit listening to rock and roll, quit having abortions and still wind up in hell. Our greatest need is not quitting something; our greatest need is Christ; if we have him, we have all we need; wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Now many years later I find Him, even more, to be all I need; He is still my only message. ~John Chapman

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How sweet it is to awake every day knowing that God my Savior is on his throne, that he has purposed all that the day shall bring forth, and that he has purposed it for me, for my everlasting good. ~Don Fortner

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### *Ephesians 1:12-14*

*“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”*

## THOU KNOWEST

John 21:15

when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son So of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee...”

On the night before His crucifixion the Lord Jesus said to His disciples, “All ye shall be offended because of me this night.” Peter with pride and arrogance spoke up and said, “**Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.**” (Matthew 26:21, 23) Before the rooster crowed the next morning, Peter had denied the Lord three times.

Now we fast-forward to the shores of Tiberias, after the Lord’s resurrection, and the Lord asks Peter this solemn, soul-searching question. “**Lovest thou me more than these?**” (*Meaning more than the other disciples that were there also.*) In lieu of Peter’s past failure and fall, this time he is not so quick to arrogantly answer. The enlightened sinner that trusts alone in Christ has been taught not trust in their own heart, but to simply trust in the Searcher of all hearts to decide. Peter now rested his love and faithfulness upon the omniscience of His Savior and said, “**Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.**” Oftentimes, we, the sinners that we are, feel the need to boast of our love and faithfulness to Christ, when the only thing we have to boast in is Christ’s love and faithfulness to us. If we ever feel that our love for Christ is in question, by ourselves or others, may we resist the selfish need to defend ourselves and learn to answer as Peter did and claim, “**My Lord, knows all things; He knows that I love Him**” ~David Eddmenson

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*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” - Rom 12v1*

In the course of history, many have given their lives for religion. Many have given themselves over to holy living. Most of these people are regarded by mankind to have lived an acceptable life (or died an acceptable death). But it was not “**unto God**”. Therefore, it was not a sacrifice, not holy, and not acceptable.

How can a child of Adam give themselves over fully as a living sacrifice unto God? How can a wretch like me be holy unto God? How can a maggot be acceptable unto God? Only by the mercies of God, found in Christ Jesus our Lord!

When we are made to see Christ is our living sacrifice, Christ is our holiness, Christ is our acceptance before God – and that “**It is finished!**” - how reasonable it is for us to turn ourselves over completely to His loving mercies, and to our brethren! ~Kevin Thacker