

OPENING HYMN

Sat: #42 **All Hail the Power**

Sun: #53 **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It is our privilege to welcome Brother Cody Henson from Kingsport Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee this weekend. We will be enjoying supper and time of fellowship following the evening service tonight, and tomorrow we will meet at our regularly scheduled time.
 - Brother Obie Williams from Kingsport Grace Church in Kingsport, Tennessee is scheduled to preach here the weekend of September 29-30. Lord willing we plan to meet Saturday evening at 6:30 with supper and fellowship following the service, and Sunday morning for our regularly scheduled service. We hope to see you here, invite a friend!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Sat: Deuteronomy 4:25-39

Sun: 1 Pet 2:1-12

WORSHIP HYMN

Sat: #258 **He Hideth My Soul**

Sun: #359 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” *2 Cor 9:7*

WORSHIP HYMN

Sun: #326 **More About Jesus**

MESSAGE

SAT - CHRIST, OUR SUBSTITUTE

ISAIAH 53

SUN - MY HEART'S DESIRE

ROMANS 10:1-4

CLOSING HYMN

Sat: #231 **Jesus Saves!**

Sun: #290 **Be Still My Soul**

THINGS TO PONDER

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."
-Proverbs 18:10

God Was Manifest In The Flesh

I Timothy 3:16

Here is a mystery without controversy in the church of God. I am aware of the fact that no point of gospel doctrine is more controversial in the religious world than the incarnation of Christ. Yet, in the church of God, among true believers, there is no controversy at all on this point. "God was manifest in the flesh!"

The greatest mystery in all the world is the mystery of the incarnation. It was a miraculous, supernatural work of God. And that which is supernatural cannot be explained by laws of nature any more than that which is spiritual can be explained by laws of physics. Here is a matter that can only be received and understood by faith.

When Paul says, "God was manifest in the flesh," he means for us to understand that God the Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who in the covenant of grace had assumed the responsibility of saving his people from their sins, became a man so that he might accomplish that great work (Matt. 1:21; Heb. 10:5-10).

The Son of God assumed mortal, human flesh. Though he laid aside his manifest glory as God for a time, he never ceased to be God over all, blessed forever, infinite, eternal, immutable, and incomprehensible. All the fulness of God dwelt in him, and still does (Col. 2:9). Yet, he became a real man, exactly like us, but with one great exception - He had no sin! (John 1:14, 18; Heb. 4:15; I John 1:1-3).

It was necessary that our Redeemer be a man. Man has sinned and man must suffer for sin. But the sufferings of a mere man would have been of no redemptive value to us. If someone is to redeem and save by the merits of his sufferings and death, he must be God as well as man. Because Jesus Christ is a man, he was able to suffer for us. Because he is God, he was able to satisfy God's offended justice for his people. The sufferings of the God-man unto death were vicarious sufferings of infinite, perpetual value. Christ's death as the God-man is of infinite merit to God for the satisfaction of his justice. Because God was manifest in the flesh and put to death in the flesh, God can now be just and the Justifier of all who believe.

-Pastor Don Fortner

I am Magdalene, I am Zacchaeus, I am the thief, I am the harlot, I am the publican, I am the prodigal, and one of Christ's murderers; yea, worse than any of these; and yet God was so far off from rejecting of me, as I found afterwards, that there was music and dancing in his house for me, and for joy that I was come home unto him.

-John Bunyan

We Preach Christ Crucified – 1Cor1:23

The trailer for a recent Hollywood movie contained the line, “What do you think happens when you die?” It is a question that most people think about from time to time. Whatever speculation there might be about this, the Bible is absolutely clear in providing the answer:

2 Corinthians 5:10 says, “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad.” We must all face this for, “It is appointed to man (all of us) to die once and then the judgement” (Heb9:27).

God is ‘of purer eyes than to look upon sin’ (Hab1:13). “Our God is a consuming fire” (Heb12:29) and “it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb10:31).

If you have any idea of your eternal state and peril you will be desperate to know what you can do to be ready to meet God when you die. Job asks “how should man be just with God?” (Job9:2). Gal2:16 replies, “by the works of the law (*the things I try to do to be a good person and pleasing to God*) shall no flesh be justified”. In other words, however good I try to be, I can never be good enough to be counted righteous in God's judgment. So where can I go? To whom can I turn for help?

Jesus Christ said, “Come unto me, all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Matt11:28). He also said, “I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father except by me” (John6:14). He told his disciples what his mission was in coming to earth, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). He came to do the will of God the Father, “And this is the Father's will who has sent me, that of all (the people) he has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.” (John6:39). Rom3:21,22 tells us how, “But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe.” You see, Jesus Christ is God, the second Person of the Trinity, who became Man so that he might live as the Substitute and representative of the innumerable multitude of people the Father gave to him, and as Substitute he paid their sin-debt to the broken law of God, and thereby satisfied divine justice so that God remains perfectly just and yet justifies, makes righteous, the sinners for whom Christ died (2Corinthians5:21).

Death is a fearful thing (Heb2:15) but, “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Rom10:13,14)

And so we preach Jesus Christ, the sinners' Substitute, as the only Saviour. And the way we preach him is to preach the Bible because, as he himself said, "These scriptures are they which speak of ME" John5:39.

-Pastor Alan Jellett

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“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

Rev 22:17



“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” 1Cor 8:6