

OPENING HYMN #294

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here August 24, and 25, Kimberly and their four children will be visiting. We plan to meet on Saturday at 4 PM and Sunday at our regular time for the bible class lesson and service.
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-28

WORSHIP HYMN #123

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

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 #129

At the Cross

MESSAGE

THE LORD'S PASSOVER

LEVITICUS 23:4-5

CLOSING HYMN #268

How Firm a Foundation

THINGS TO PONDER

There is one true evidence of a work of grace, and regeneration in men and women: Love. That one who truly believes, who is born of God, loves God who begat him, and loves all those begotten of Him. *“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He who loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love” (1 John 4:7-8).*

-Pastor Darvin Pruitt

The Bible is a book that records the activity of God, not man. It is not a record of man seeking and searching after God and striving to find Him. It is the exact opposite. It is man going astray and God coming after him. As He came down in the garden of Eden at the beginning when man sinned, so He has been coming down ever since, and He came down supremely in the person of His only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- Martin Lloyd-Jones 1899-1981

The Incarnate Word

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

If there is any verse in the Book of God marked with the special emphasis by God the Holy Spirit, surely this is one. Every word is of immense importance. Here is the Son of God, that glorious person so highly spoken of in the preceding 13 verses of this chapter, the Word. The Word, we are told, “*was made flesh.*” God the Son was “*made flesh.*”

The best theologians warn us often, “God did not become man, but only became united to man.” I fully understand and share their concern that an improper understanding of the incarnation may lead men to have low thoughts of God and may diminish in the minds of men the greatness, infinity and immutability of the Triune God. But God the Holy Spirit, whose special office and work it is to glorify Christ our God and Savior (John 16:14) says, “*The Word was made flesh!*” The Son of God became what we are that he might make us what he is.

The word translated “*flesh*” is very strong. The same word is used in Romans 3:20, where we are told no flesh can be justified by the deeds of the law. In Romans 8:3 Christ is said to have been made “*in the likeness of sinful flesh.*” This word, “*flesh,*” has the same significance as the Hebrew words used in Genesis 6:12 to speak of “*corrupt*” and “*corrupted*” flesh. John could not have used a stronger, more emphatic word to speak of our Savior’s great condescension and humiliation in assuming our nature. Had John merely said, “*The Word was made man,*” the meaning would not have been so emphatic a declaration of degradation. (Philippians 2:5-8).

“*The Word was made flesh!*” — The Son of God was made what we are, made to be our full nature, body and soul, a complete man. He who is God became man. He did not cease to be God; but he took our human nature into union with his divine nature, so that the Lord Jesus Christ is God and Man, the God-man, our Mediator.

“*The Word was made flesh,*” as Augustine put it in the 4th century, “Not by changing what he was, but by taking what he was not.” This union of God and Man in one person is indissoluble and forever. Jesus Christ our Savior, our God-man Mediator is “the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

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I have no idea what the length, breadth, height or depth of what I am about to say may be; but I cannot help linking these words to those of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:30. — “*The Word was made flesh;*” and “*we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones!*” So is it now, so it has been in all ages of the Church, and so shall it be forever.

-Pastor Don Fortner

Too Busy Being Religious

T. T. Martin (pastor, missionary, and writer of the last century [1862-1939]) once said, “There aren’t many great sermons preached today. Preachers are bound by too many other things to be great preachers. They give more advice than a lawyer, visit more sick than a doctor, attend more meetings than a club-woman, shake more hands than a politician, teach more people than a professor, and use the other part of their time as errand boys. They are organizers, promoters, executives, and toast-masters – anything but prophets speaking for God to eternity-bound sinners. Preachers today are like the little boy, loaded down with books, who was asked, ‘Son, where are you going?’ ... ‘I’m going to school.’ ‘What are you learning?’ ... ‘Nothing, I’m too busy going to school.’ I wonder if we are too busy going to church, attending meetings, and promoting religion to sit at the feet of our Lord and learn of Him.”

I wonder if we do not often meet together in the name of Christ and forget the guest of honor. Are we indoctrinating men or introducing them to Christ? The preacher spent all of his time talking about the well and no one got to drink of the water of life. It is possible to preach about the gospel and never really preach the gospel.

-Henry Mahan

True Measure

The true measure of whether a person really believes the gospel of God’s sovereign, free grace in Christ, is not merely when he sees its doctrines in the Scriptures; especially those of Divine sovereignty in election, the particular and effectual redemption of Christ, and the invincible call of the Holy Spirit. Nor is it when he gives mental assent that they are true (though both are vital). The true measure is when he sees them as necessary for his own salvation! “Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.”

-Charles Pennington

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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