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The Shadow of the Cross

Sermon Notes – Oct. 13, 2019

Two misconceptions about the cross:

- The cross is too _____ to carry meaning for the _____ world.
- The cross is too _____ to offer any solutions to for our _____ lives.

Grace deals with God's _____ for us and our _____ for others.

Discipleship deals with our _____ toward God and others.

ELDER TO CONTACT

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REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Life Group - Sundays at various homes and times
Granddad's Devo - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Rm. 5
Ladies Bible Class - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Rm FC 4
The Christian and Grief - New Session February 2 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Single & Parenting Class - Sundays at 9:00 am in G13
DC4K - New Session February 2020
DivorceCare - Sundays at 4:00 pm in Rm. 1
Financial Peace - New Session February 2020
Celebrate Recovery - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

Robinson Avenue this week

Welcome to Worship

OCTOBER 13, 2019

WELCOME

PRAYER

COME SHARE THE LORD

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WONDOROUS CROSS

COMMUNION

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DISMISS CHILDREN

BENEATH THE CROSS
OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

KNEEL AT THE CROSS

ANNOUNCEMENT

BUILD YOUR
KINGDOM HERE

PRAYER

Like a Thief

When it comes to Jesus' return, expect the unexpected

Good morning! It is great to be together on this fall morning! My prayer is that every member and guest will be encouraged, inspired, and brought closer to the Lord today. To our guests – we hope that you will come back to worship and fellowship with us again at your earliest convenience.

It's interesting that the most commonly used metaphor to describe Jesus' second coming is that he will come "like a thief in the night". Paul says it in I Thess. 5:2 – "the Lord will come like a thief in the night"; Peter says it in 2 Peter 3:10 – "the day of the Lord will come like a thief"; Jesus himself said it in Matt. 24:43 – "if the owner of the house knew at what time the thief was coming he would have kept watch"; and John quotes Jesus in Rev. 3:3 – "I will come like a thief." It's so interesting that Paul, Peter, John, and Jesus all describe this event in the same terms – it will be just as unexpected as someone breaking into your house.

Have you ever been broken into before? It happened to us once in Chile. In our case it wasn't a "thief in

the night" – it was "a thief in the day". I was at the church building. Michele was at home but had strolled down the street to the mailbox. During the brief time that Michele was out of the house someone came inside and lifted her wallet right out of her purse! Of course, if she had known she wouldn't have left the house or, at the least, would not have left the door open. Hindsight is always 20/20.

The point of these Scriptures is not for us to be fearful or insecure about Jesus' return but to be ready for it. We need to make the necessary preparations so that his return will be a welcomed sight. Today can be a day of preparation. Worship allows us to "proclaim his death until he comes" as we recognize the past and anticipate the future. We are also recalibrating our hearts and lives so that we are prepared to live as those who expect Jesus to return – we don't know the date but we do know that it will happen. Let's be ready!

-Keith Kilmer

The Bible in a Year

Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

Monday 14 Luke 8, Matthew 13

Friday 18 John 6

Tuesday 15 Matthew 8:14-34, Mark 4-5

Saturday Matthew 15, Mark 7

Wednesday 16 Matthew 9-10

Sunday 20 Mark 8, Luke 9:18-27, Matt. 16

Thursday 17 Mark 6, Luke
9:1-17, Matt. 14

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Adult Education

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: The book of Mark, various locations

Auditorium Class: The Character of Christ, Joe Mohorn

FUEL: “Unlocking Revelation,” Keith Kilmer

WPW Sessions: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”(by Linda Smith) taught by Savanna McCain, Alice O’Neil, Sandy Ware, Bridgette Tomlinson, and others

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study: September 10. “Fullfilment of Christ in Judges” taught by Charity Mohorn, Stacey Smith

Tuesday Granddads’ Devo: 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, coffee and donuts.

Sunday Morning Singing Class: Trent Arnold, In the gym

Orientation Meeting

Leadership Training for Christ

Children in 3rd – 6th grade are invited to an orientation meeting for Leadership Training for Christ on Wednesday Nov. 6 at 7 pm in room R5. This will kick-off our 2020 participation in LTC. Questions? See Amy Ware.

Prayer Warriors Wanted

Do you want to be part of a new ministry that will fulfill Jesus command to pray without ceasing? The elders will start the Prayer Warrior Group on October 28. Those who sign up for the group will receive an emailed prayer list every Monday morning. The prayer warriors will then pray daily for the requests that are on the list.

To be a part of this ministry, please send an email to Nick Poulos (nick.poulos38@aol.com) with your name requesting to be put into the group. Questions? See Nick, Joe Mohorn, or Gary Turner.

Family

Fall Festival

Volunteer now for the Fall Festival on October 26 from 4-7 pm. Bring a game, prizes, help, or cook chili. Sign up in the lobby or west entrance. Questions? See Meagan Cooke.

Youth Ministry

Caleb Says...

Last week was our annual parent meeting. Naturally, we experienced torrential downpours the likes of which have not been seen since Noah took his boat trip, and many of you were unable to attend. If you are a parent or guardian of a teen who will be participating in any youth activities this coming year, please contact me to hear what you missed. My phone number and email are listed on the back of this bulletin.

This morning, the youth group is wrapping up our annual Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch. We have had a great weekend which included a bon fire and smores. Glory to God for flannel weather, campfires, and smores! “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” What a fitting scripture for smores.

I had the opportunity to teach yesterday morning about “Righteousness.” In my own life, righteousness has felt allusive. The Bible tells us to be righteous and, like a good Christian should, I tried to “be righteous.” No matter how hard I tried, I always felt like I was missing the mark. I felt like I wasn’t attaining what the Bible asks. My problem was that I was trying to feel righteous because I believed that righteousness was a feeling. I needed to act like a Christian and then I would be renewed. I thought I could attain righteousness.

Righteousness perfectly describes God. In the Psalms, one of the most used adjectives for God is “righteous.” The authors praise God for his love of justice and law. They exclaim how God is a lover of good and holy things. They say that God is the embodiment of righteousness and I completely agree.

The difficult thing is that the Bible tells me multiple times that “none are righteous” (Romans 3:10, Psalm 143:1-2, Ecc. 7:20). Well then what’s the point of me trying to be righteous if, by nature, I am the opposite of it? Is this a battle I will fight and inevitably lose? Can I even attain righteousness?

“No, you can’t attain righteousness,” is the answer that scripture tells me. Well, looks like all that effort was in vain, right?

Romans 10:34 says, “Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.” My problem was that I tried to gain righteousness through the way I lived. I missed out on God’s righteousness that comes form faith. I set myself to the plow before I let God’s righteousness transform my heart and mind. God comes first and then I can work at living like a disciple. I’m not sure if you feel like you’re fighting a battle you know you can’t win. If you are, let God’s righteousness go to work and thenchange your life accordingly. God is way better at this righteousness than you and I are.

Family Time

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

Family

Illness and Recovery

Harry Fitzgerald will have surgery Tuesday, October 15.

Jeremy Jones fell in his apartment last Saturday night and broke his hip. He is at Health South Rm. 107.

Marla Shafer has stage 2 melanoma. She has a tumor on her throat and neck. She will have surgery Monday, October 14 and get the results on the 16th. They will then decide how they need to proceed.

Silas Smith spent a few days in Children’s Hospital this week. He is now at home and doing better.

Family

Congratulations

Preston and Kelsie Gibbs welcomed their daughter, Maddyn Jae, on Monday, October 7. She weighed 4lbs and 15oz and was 19.75 inches long. Mom and baby are doing good.

Family

Forever Friends

Thank you for your orders for the Forever Friends Bake Sale. Those of you who ordered for the 13th please be prepared to pick up your items immediately after worship service this morning.

Family

Baby Shower

There will be a gift card shower for **Chelsea Click** today immediately after worship this morning.

Our

Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.

Family/Friends

Jon Adams, friend of Shannon Bowman

Shelia Bumgarner, friend of Jordan Baker

Ray Dowdy, father of Ron Dowdy

Jimmy Horton, nephew of Helen Gillmore

Homer Kupsick,

brother of Sarah Toon

Don Pipkin, father of Eric Pipkin and Sherrie Hankins

Christy Scarrow, former co-worker of Shannon Bowman and co-worker of Mary Embry

Tony Tucker, grandson of Helen Gillmore

Those

Shut In

Cecil Cook

Dee Dearman

Cleo Drevs

Hazel Fletcher

Glenda Garrison

Donna Gaston

Dan Hash

Don McClane

James Price

Roberta Simpson

Verna Tacket

Elsie White

Dorothy Yeager

Continue to

Remember

Danny Allen

Mary Allen

Lucy Allen

Beth Clem

Lee Pense

Scott Phillips

Speedy Williams

Melba Watts

Linda Wray

Those

Battling Cancer

Mary Allen

Charles Cate

Charlean Howell

Peggy Huckeba

Freida Hughes

Ajeanna Kernes

Robert Kernes

Seth Mohorn

Salina Wilson