

Northside Church of Christ

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6:00 pm
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Special Announcements

A special thanks to everyone who helped with the Bible Bowl * The new quarter started-see Ron Gallegos to teach a class * Eugene had bypass surgery & is doing very well * Oleta will be having back & hip surgery again-Eugene & Oleta will be home-bound for awhile * Finger food pot-luck next Sunday after pm service-see Jennifer Casselman to help * Dora Sanders requests prayers for her granddaughter Ashley who has been a runaway for three weeks * If you haven't had your photo taken for the board in the foyer, please see Alex Durazo * Marilyn McGrew had her 6 month check up for cancer, she is cancer free * Bill McGrew had a mini stroke last week * Jennifer Casselman asked for prayers for her and her family * Rick is testing for a new job Tuesday, keep him in your prayers *

Prayer List

- * June Scarbrough
- * Pauline Houts
- * Lenora Green
- * Bill & Jean Muenchow
- * Gary & Frances Hunt
- * Marie Huls
- * Barbara Reinhart
- * Bernice Lowder
- * Rodie Latin
- * Barbara Bristol
- * Dorothy Freet
- * Harold & Lois Ellis
- * Jennifer Casselman

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Why The Blood Of Christ

A man came up to a minister at the close of the service and said; "I do not see any necessity for the blood of Christ in my salvation. I can be saved without believing in the blood of Christ." "Very well," said the minister. "how then, do you propose to be saved?"

"By following His example," was the answer. "That is enough for any man."

"I suppose it is," said the minister, and that is what you purpose to do?"

"I do, and I am sure that is enough."

"Very well, I am sure that you want to begin right. The Word of God tells us how to do that. I read concerning Christ, 'Who knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.' I suppose that you can say that for yourself, too?"

The man became visibly embarrassed. "Well," he said, "I cannot say that exactly. I have sinned."

"In that case you do not need an example, but a Savior; and the only way of salvation is by His blood."

There are many today that do not want to hear about the blood of Christ. One lady told me once, "It is disgusting and sickening." Let's look at a few passages and see what God thinks about the subject: Eph 1:17, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace." Col 1:14, "And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven." Heb 9:22, "And according to the Law one may almost say, all things are cleaned with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

I John 1:6, "This is the one who came by the water and blood, Jesus Christ;

not with the water only, but with the water and the blood."

Rev 1:5, "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood."

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Just Suppose

Just suppose that when you were growing up you were hated by your brothers, sold into slavery, lied about & cast into prison. And suppose you had to languish in that cell for months on end. Would you still have faith in God? Joseph did!

Just suppose that you were called by God to preach a very unpopular message-God's wrath. Suppose the people got up in arms & vented their anger against you. What if they lied about you & tried to take away your life? Would you still have faith in God? Jeremiah did!

Just suppose you were called upon to marry a harlot. To this union both a daughter & a son were born. Suppose that once again she became an adulteress, & you had to buy her back for the price of a common slave. Would you still have faith in God? Hosea did!

Just suppose you were called upon to stand before a king & rebuke him for his sin. And suppose that in obedience to the will of God you performed your task only to learn that your head would be chopped

off. Would you still have faith in God? John did!

Just suppose that you learned very suddenly that your religious convictions were wrong. And suppose that as a result of being true to the light you found you were cut off from your brethren. Suppose you gave up everything & then discovered that you were persecuted, whipped, beaten, stoned & cast into prison for your beliefs. Would you still have faith in God? Paul did!

Just suppose that you lived a perfect life, loved all men, always did God's will, sought to serve instead of being served, & then you were nailed to a cross to die. Would you still have faith in God? Jesus did!

Just suppose the church isn't friendly, that people don't appreciate you, that nobody comes to visit you, that you lose your health, that you go bankrupt. Would you still have faith in God?

John Gipson

THE LORD'S BASEBALL GAME

The Lord & Bob were watching a baseball game in which the Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, & it was the bottom of the ninth inning with 2 outs.

Love stepped up to the plate. He swung at the first pitch & hit a single, because Love never fails.

The next batter was Faith, & he also got a single, because Faith works with Love.

Godly Wisdom was the next batter. Satan wound up & threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over & let it pass. Ball one. Three more pitches, & Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly Wisdom never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord

turned to Bob & told him He was going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Bob said, "He sure doesn't look like much!"

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone. But, Satan was not worried. His center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head, & sent him crashing to the ground. Grace scored a home run.

The Lord's team won. The Lord then asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base, but couldn't win the game. Bob said he didn't know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith, & wisdom had won the game, you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith, & Wisdom will get you on base, but only My Grace can get you Home.

Author Unknown

Why Some Sermons Fail

All sermons are not masterpieces. Every preacher will admit that this is true. Even the sermon that is a masterpiece to some, will not be to others. But even the best sermons fail to some extent. There are many reasons for such failure.

Sermons fail because people give no heed. Paul was an inspired preacher. He was a "master pulpiteer". But Eutychus went to sleep and fell out the window (Acts 20:9).

Some sermons fail because some people ridicule that which is preached. In the city of Athens, Paul preached of the resurrection of Jesus Christ & the Athenians mocked the sermon.

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Birthdays

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Joy Briles 1-25

Tom London 1-25