



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19

Week Ending, May 2nd, 2015



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship!: We encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. Our KCPC weekly newsletter *The Shepherd's Voice* can be a helpful guide for your time of prayer. *Remember on Sunday mornings to seek to use prelude time before worship to enter God's presence with honor and respect and great awe!*

Adult Sunday School: Beginning this Lord's Day, the pastor and elders will be teaching a 12-15 week class on *The Triune God* soon. This Lord's Day: *"The Holiness of God"*. **Goal of class:** To help us to read our Bibles with a better understanding of each Person of the Triune God, and to have communion with each person in worship and prayer.

Evening Prayer Meeting this Lord's Day at 6 pm!

We will be concluding this Lord's Day together in prayer followed by a fellowship dinner together.

New Members! We are thankful to receive **Dr. Mike and Mary Kucks** into membership at KCPC during the morning worship service this Lord's Day.

Deacon's Offering: We are privileged to give to our deacon's offering this Lord's Day during worship to help those in need in our congregation and larger community.

YMCF: All young married and college folks come join us at the Weitz Home in Round Hill this Lord's Day after worship at 1 pm.

Locust Street Film Night: Friday, May 22nd at 7 pm we will be viewing and discussing Charles Laughton's *'Night of the Hunter'*! One of LSFN's favorite films to watch and discuss.

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend.

Shorter Catechism Memorization for KCPC in 2015: See pg. 3, *'From Your Pastor'* Section. Let's continue to seek to memorize the Shorter Catechism together as a congregation.

Coming Soon- Preaching Sermon Series: In morning services beginning Summer 2015: *'The Book of the Twelve'* (or the **Minor Prophets**); in the evening services beginning soon: *'The Pastoral Epistles'* (**2 Timothy**). Pray that God would prepare our hearts for these upcoming sermon series.

"I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God."

- Psalm 40:1-3a

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

Question: What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

Answer: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death. (Gen. 2:17)

Scripture memory: *"But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." (Gal. 3:12)*

An explanation: Our God and Creator voluntarily condescended to His creatures to enter into a covenant with us. Simply stated, a covenant is a mutual agreement and engagement (more permanent and binding than what we call a contract), between two or more parties, to give or do something. There are two primary covenants God has made with man: **"The Covenant of Works"**, and **"The Covenant of Grace"**.

The Covenant of Works was made between God and Adam as representative and covenant head of the whole human race in his estate of innocency. In this covenant, life and happiness with God was promised to Adam and all those he represented as covenant head, if he was to perfectly and personally obey God's commandments. Death was threatened as a consequence of his disobedience: *"...In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die"* (Gen. 2:17; cf. Rom. 6:23). Because Adam sinned, it plunged the whole human race into sin and rebellion against God: *"...Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned..."* (Rom. 5:12). Now, a sinner can never gain life and righteousness through obedience to this covenant: *"Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."* (Gal. 3:10; cf. 3:12, 4:21).

But God was gracious and offered to man the Covenant of Grace, whereby His own Beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, would take upon Himself man's nature (Heb. 2:11-16; Phil. 2:6-8), to do the commandments and live by them (Gal. 3:12), and die under the curse that sinful man brought upon himself: *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us"* (Gal. 3:13). Where Adam failed the covenant as representative head, Christ, the Second Adam, perfectly kept the covenant by obeying God's perfect law, on behalf of sinners. As Romans 5:18-19 teaches: *"...As one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."* Let us thank God that we are heirs of a better covenant! *"Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises"* (Heb. 8:6). ***"The righteous shall live by faith."*** (Gal. 3:11).

A Prayer: Thank you, Lord and Father, that you sent Jesus Christ to keep your commandments perfectly for us, as our Covenant Head and Kind King, and He is the *"one who does them and shall live by them"* (and has, **for us!**); He is the one who said: *"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart"* (Psa. 40:8). Jesus' perfect righteousness has been imputed to us by faith—you are holy and just in upholding your perfect law and punishing sin, but also you are the magnificent and glorious justifier of all who believe in Christ Jesus! (Rom. 3:21-26). Thank you, dear Lord, that we are under a "better covenant" that is established on better promises because we have a better Mediator! (Heb. 8:6).

In Christ's love,
Pastor Biggs

"But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!"

- Psalm 40:16-17

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: “*In My Place Condemned He Stood*”

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: The day of judgment and condemnation has come for the sinless lamb who bears the burden of sinners under God’s wrath. In our place Jesus will stand condemned so that we can be vindicated and forgiven! Hallelujah! What a Savior.

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 1:5b-8; 19:11-21

Scripture Text: Mark 15:1-32

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

* **Read Mark 15:1-32:** Was Jesus guilty? Why was He condemned? Why was Jesus crucified? Discuss with your family.

* **Children:** Read carefully and prayerfully through Mark 15:1-32. What two images do you see in your mind’s eye? What do you think Mark is teaching through these images?

* How does Jesus reign as king in this passage of Scripture?

Hymns

1. 298 – The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns

2. 248 – Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

3. 253 – There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

- Romans 8:1