



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, June 6th, 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.

Adult Sunday School: This Lord's Day, Pastor Biggs will be teaching an introductory class on 'The Minor Prophets' or '*Book of the Twelve*'.

Youth Meeting/Study of Shorter Catechism: Monthly fellowship on Wednesday evenings at the church building. For more information, contact Ethan or Grace Weitz: gcweitz@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st

and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend.

GIVE THANKS FOR CHRIST'S GIFTS TO KCPC (EPH. 4:7, 11-12)!

Let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us in providing to KCPC wise and biblical elders and deacons.

Thank you, dear and kind King Jesus for Elders Davis, Turner and Weitz, and Deacons Miller and Whitmore.

PRAY FOR YOUR OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Deacon's Offering: Carefully and prayerfully consider what you would like to give to help the needy. We will be taking up our monthly deacon's offering, on this **Lord's Day, June 7th**.

Prayer Meeting: This Lord's Day evening at 6 pm. Come and close the Lord's Day together, and let us lift up our souls and pray to our God who will hear us! (**Micah 7:7; Psa. 86:4-7**).

The "Book of the Twelve" or the Minor Prophets Summer Sermon Series: This Lord's Day, **June 7th** in morning service we will start our new sermon series: '*The Book of the Twelve*' (or the **Minor Prophets**). Next Sunday evening we continue our sermon series on **2 Timothy**.

Locust Street Film Night for June: Friday evening, **June 19th at 7 pm**. The LSFN premiere of Isak Dinesens' classic '*Babette's Feast*' (One of the finest and more thoughtful films in the last two decades, with 11 wins and 8 nominations!!). Join us!

"... You shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."

- Isaiah 62:4b-5

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

Question: WSC 16: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

Answer: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression

Scripture memory:

ESV **Romans 5:12-14:** *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men **because all sinned**-¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come (also Gen. 2:16,17; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21,22).*

An explanation: All mankind sinned in Adam, **except one:** The Lord Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, of the substance of the Virgin Mary, descended from Adam (Luke 3:38; Heb. 2:14-18), and was kept from the taint and contamination of sin from the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26). Only He was not corrupted by sin, nor has he sinned in corruption. He is ***“holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...”*** (KJV, Heb. 7:26).

All other men are born and conceived in sin, and are guilty and deserving of God’s just judgment upon sinners (Psa. 51; Rom. 3:23). All men have sinned, but also do truly sin experientially in their daily lives. As the Apostle Paul testified on behalf of all sinners: ***“So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.”*** We are guilty before God for our sins in Adam, as well as guilty for our actual sins. We must remember that we are not sinners merely because we sin; we sin because we are sinners by nature. ***“Because all sinned...”*** (Rom. 5:12b). We are at root sinful: ***“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit”*** (Matt. 12:33; Eph. 2:1-3).

How did all mankind sin in Adam? God made a covenant with all mankind in Adam as His chosen representative of the whole human race. God chose the best representative for all mankind. Adam’s descendants were not only in him as a father, or as ***“in his loins”*** (Heb. 7:10), but Adam was the common Head and Representative chosen by God for all mankind. This covenant was called the ***“Covenant of Works”*** (Hosea 6:7; as we have learned in earlier lessons, see also Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 7) and life was offered not only to Adam ***but also to his posterity***. If Adam had stood, his posterity would have stood in obedient faithfulness; but Adam fell, and so all fell in and with him (Heb. 2:6-11).

Let us thank God for infinite wisdom and unsurpassing love for sinners in that He would send His Beloved Son in our nature to bless with salvation all those who believe in Him, those elected by Him before the foundation of the earth (Eph. 1:3-11), all for the praise of His glorious grace! What we could not do as fallen sinners, God could do, and did do, in our nature ***“for us”***!! (Rom. 8:3-4; Heb. 2:14-18). Christ did not take the nature of angels, but of Adam, of Abraham--our nature!! In our union with Jesus Christ, His perfect righteousness is made our righteousness! (Rom. 3:24-26). Christ is our Head, our Covenant Keeper, who makes us alive and gives us eternal life and hope in Him!! ***“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive”*** (1 Cor. 15:22).

A Prayer: Though fallen in Adam by nature, without God and without hope in the world (Eph. 2:14-18), you redeemed us, O Savior of our Souls, O lover of sinners, Blessed Redeemer of God’s elect! Thank you for willingly being our covenant head, and saying to the Father: ***“Behold, here am I and the children God has given to me!”*** (Heb. 2:13). You have freed us from our sins, from the fear of death and from slavery to the devil. ***“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood”*** (Rev. 1:5b). Let us live for you! Amen.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready...”

- *ESV* **Revelation 19:7**

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: *"God's Unfaithful Wife"*

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: God is covenantally faithful to His Beloved Bride, though she often runs after many lovers.

Scripture Lesson: Hosea 2:14-23; 14:1-9

Scripture Text: Hosea 1; 3

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

- * **Read Hosea 1-3.** Did God have Hosea marry an adulteress/prostitute, or one with a propensity towards adultery and prostitution? What is God teaching Israel in this? Discuss.
- * **Children:** How does God reveal His deep love for His people throughout Hosea? (Hos. 2:14,19; 6:1-4; 13:5-6).
- * How have you been unfaithful to God? Will you return to Him, and find your True Husband in Christ?
- * How is Hosea like Jesus Christ? In what ways does Hosea experience similar circumstances?

"[In Hosea's Prophecy] for the first time in the history of Israel, the message of love of God is heard in Hosea's proclamation as the center of God's action with His people....Hosea breaks through this sober reticence and dares to speak of Yahweh's affection for Israel using the chief expression for the powerful passion which joins a man and wife"
(W. Eichrodt)

Meditate On this for Worship this Week:

When interpreting the prophets, remember this very simple diagram of understanding typology:

Prophet → Jesus

Israel → Church

Nations → Unbelievers

The prophets will point to Jesus in many ways. Israel is the people of God that can teach the church how to and *how not to live* (see 1 Cor. 10:6-13; Rom. 15:4). The nations represent unbelievers, and this gives us insights into how we are to be witnesses to the nations, and make disciples of those who profess Christ (Matt. 28:18-20); we are to be a light to unbelievers, and watch out for worldliness and ungodliness.

"It was I who knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought; but when they had grazed, they became full, they were filled, and their heart was lifted up; therefore they forgot me."

- ^{ESV} Hosea 13:5-6