

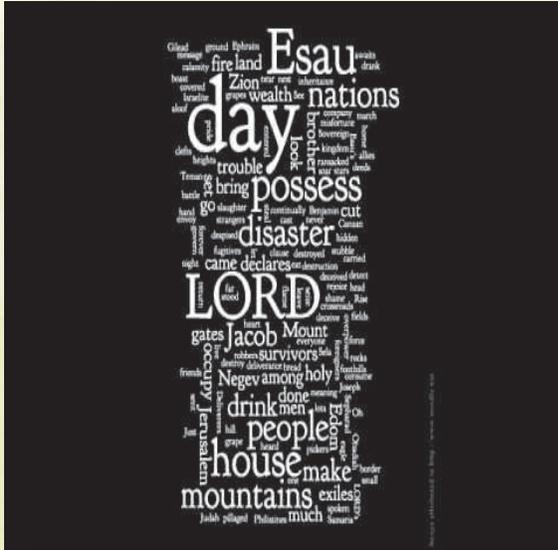


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, July 18th, 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.

Adult Sunday School: This Lord's Day, your elders will continue to teach on our Triune God. This week we will focus on *The Age of the Spirit*.

The "Book of the Twelve" or the Minor Prophets Summer Sermon Series: This Lord's Day, we will continue our sermon series: *The Book of the Twelve* (or the **Minor Prophets**) focusing on Obadiah's Prophecy of Judgment.

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Margaret for more information: missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net

Men's and Boy's Breakfast and Fellowship: This Saturday morning, July 18th from 8:30-10 am we will meet for breakfast, prayer, and fellowship. We will be discussing the Puritan understanding of our affections.

Locust Street Film Night this Friday: July 17th at 7 pm: *'Lord of the Flies'* (1963). Coming in August: *'To Kill a Mockingbird'* (1962).

KCPC July Family Fellowship! This Sunday, July 19th, we will celebrate another KCPC Family Fellowship, hosted by the Biggs Family at their home in Round Hill.

New Sermon Series Coming Soon! Our next two sermon series will be from the *Acts of the Apostles* in the morning service, and the *Book of Ecclesiastes* in the evening service. Please pray that God would speak to His people through His Word in these upcoming series. Pray for beginning thoughts and preparation on these sermons for your Minister of the Word.

KCPC Online:

www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc
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"There is no good communicated unto us from God, but it is bestowed on us or wrought in us by the Holy Spirit. No gift, no grace, no mercy, no privilege, no consolation, do we receive, possess, or use, but it is wrought in us, collated on us, or manifested unto us, by Him alone."

- John Owen

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

WSC Question 20, Part I: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Answer: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

An explanation: A glorious truth is made known in the Scriptures! Although man has fallen into sin, and by nature he is unable to do any good, or perform righteousness as God requires, and he is totally helpless to save himself from his predicament, God has sent hope for rescue and redemption. God has not left mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery!! Romans 3:21-22 says: ***“...Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it- the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.”*** God provides a perfect righteousness for salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ for all who believe!

Man’s salvation is nothing deserved, but only by grace. Only by grace, because of God’s ***“mere good pleasure”*** is salvation possible in Christ (Matt. 11:25-26). God’s good pleasure is something that He alone decided to do, in order to show forth His goodness and power, and to save and redeem a people for Himself, for His own glory! (Eph. 1:3-14). Jesus gives hope to His people by saying to them, ***“Fear not, little flock, it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom”*** (Luke 12:32).

The Covenant of Works with Adam and the entire human race had been broken; there was no hope to attain salvation through works of the Law (Rom. 3:20). Though the Law of God is holy, righteous, and good (Rom. 7:12), there was no power in the Law to transform man’s sinful heart, no power in the Law to give life, and there was nothing good that dwelled in man by nature to do the works of God (Rom. 7:18; Gal. 3:10, 21). Only God, and God alone could give hope in this hopeless predicament of sinfulness (cf. Eph. 2:12).

And He did!! Two of the most glorious and hope-filled words in Scripture declare it: ***“But God...”*** (Eph. 2:4a). Although man was sinful, enslaved, dead in trespasses and sins, unable in himself to do any good for God, God who is rich in mercy, saved a people through the Covenant of Grace, because of the perfect righteousness found in Christ (Gal. 3:16)! It is by grace we have been saved, and not of works—no one can boast—salvation is of the LORD, and the LORD *alone*!! (Eph. 2:1-10; Tit. 3:4-7). What man could not do, what the Law could not do, ***“God has done...”***

“For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit” (Rom. 8:3-4).

A Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, my salvation is only because of your good pleasure and grace. Let me be ever thankful for your mercies in Christ Jesus. Thank you for rescuing me from your just wrath and what my sins deserve, and to give me salvation and a perfect righteousness in Jesus! Thank you for revealing this to me, and giving me all the power and grace needed to take hold of the promises of the Covenant of Grace in Christ. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to teach me your ways, to cause me to love your Law, and to walk NOT according to the flesh, but by the Spirit! **More in Part II...**

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior...”

- Titus 3:4-6

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: "God's Kingdom Come"

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: God's Kingdom coming on the Day of the LORD means the just judgment of Jesus Christ upon all of His and our hostile and unrepentant enemies. God's people should be grateful for God's grace and patience toward the nations (contra Jonah), but we still pray 'How long, O LORD, before you judge the wicked and make things right?!'

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 6:9-10; 11:15-18

Scripture Text: Obadiah

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

- * **Read Prophecy of Obadiah.** Who was Edom in redemptive history? How was he related to Israel? Who does Edom represent in Obadiah's prophecy particularly, and throughout the Bible generally.
- * **Children:** Look up the biblical teaching of "retributive justice". What does it mean? How is this taught in the Prophecy of Obadiah?
- * What verse or verses in Obadiah are most important for interpreting this prophecy? What is the Gospel of Obadiah?
- * **How is Obadiah like Jesus Christ?**

Hymns for this Week

1. Holy God, We Praise Your Name - 103
2. O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire - 161
3. Rejoice, the Lord is King - 310

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." ... 'We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign...'

- Revelation 11:15, 17