

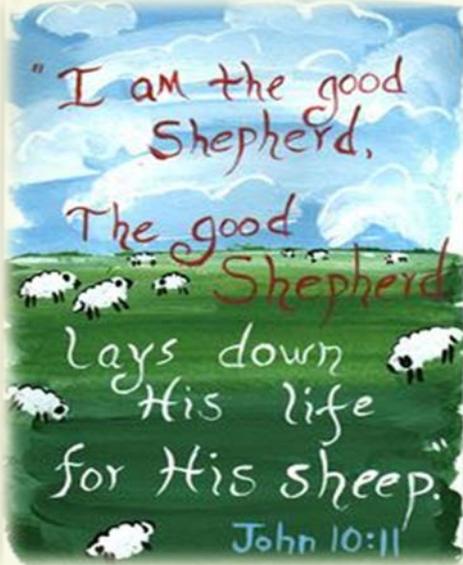


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, August 15th, 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. **Pray for the power of the Spirit in the preaching and reception of the Word** (1 Thess. 1:5).

No Sunday school classes in month of August: We will give our teachers a break in August from teaching.

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 Micah's Prophecy.

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 on Saturday, August 15th: Come and join us for the men's and boy's breakfast for August from 8:30-10 am. We will discuss what the Bible teaches about how to thrive and flourish by the Holy Spirit in the Christian life in the midst of tribulation. Coming? RSVP: crbiggs@comcast.net

Home Fellowship this Lord's Day: After worship this Lord's Day at 1 pm, we will gather as a church family to feast and fellowship together. The Deacons will send out information and sign-up sheet for this wonderful monthly event (**Remember** especially during times of fellowship the importance of edifying one another, pointing each other to Christ and His Gospel, and discussing the sermon that Christ has communicated to you by His Spirit, so that these transformative truths may be experienced in your life, Heb. 10:24-25; Mark 4:13ff).

Locust Street Film Night in August: 'To Kill a Mockingbird' (1962) – **Friday, Aug. 21st** at 7 pm.

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 and Song of Solomon* in the evening service. Please pray that God would speak to His people through His Word in these upcoming series.

KCPC Online:

www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc
www.ketocin.org/resources

"Why do you dwell upon your unworthiness and sin? Raise up your mind, 'Behold my servant whom I have chosen,' (Isa. 42:1ff). [Gaze upon Jesus] this is an object worth beholding and admiration, especially of a distressed soul that may see in Christ whatsoever may comfort it."

- Richard Sibbes

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

WSC Question 21, Part II: Who is the only Redeemer of God's Elect?

Answer: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures, and one person forever.

An explanation: There is no other Redeemer but the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). Jesus is the unique Son of God by nature, from all eternity (Heb. 1:3-9). "But of the Son he says, *"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom"* (Heb. 1:8). The Son of God became man to suffer the curse of death on the cross in our place (Heb. 2:15-18). *"Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"* (Heb. 2:17). Jesus Christ had to be God as well as man. He laid down His life to undergo the wrath of the Father on behalf of sinners, and infinitely satisfied infinite justice as the God-Man.

The human nature of Christ is permanently united to the Second Person of the Triune God, and subsists in union with Him: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14). This permanent union between God and man in the one Person of Christ must be emphasized because redeemed sinners need a permanent priest and advocate before the Father: *"...But he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them"* (Heb. 7:24-25; cf. 1 Jo. 2:1-2). Christ is God and man in hypostatical or personal union, both His natures, divine and human, remaining distinct without composition or confusion, in one and the same person (Vincent quoting Chalcedon, 451).

What love that Jesus has for sinners that he would condescend in humility to our impoverished and lowly estate to exalt us and make us rich in Him! *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich"* (2 Cor. 8:9), and *"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"* (Phil. 2:8). The greatest sins of believers can be forgiven and taken away forever! *"He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea"* (Mic. 7:19). And, *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29).

"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things" (Rom. 8:32).

A Prayer: Father, thank you for your amazing grace in providing a Redeemer and Advocate for sinners in your Beloved Son! Let us be thankful, and say together: "As for me, I will look to YHWH; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me" (Mic. 7:7).

In Christ's love,
Pastor Biggs

"...Shall God love [Christ Jesus] and delight in him, and shall not our soul delight in Christ? This therefore should stir up our affections to Christ, to be faithful in our conjugal affection as the spouse of Christ, to say, 'My beloved is mine and I am my beloved's' ...Does Christ delight in us, and God delight in Christ, and shall not we delight in Christ that delights in us, and in whom God delights?"

- Richard Sibbes

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: "God's Shepherd-King"

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: God's Shepherd-King will come to rule Israel and the world, bringing reconciliation and peace with God.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12; John 10:10b-18

Scripture Text: Micah 3:8, 4:1-5:7

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

* **Read Prophecy of Micah (particularly chapters 4-5).** How do the mountains serve God in redemptive-history? (see also 6:1ff). What is the important significance of Mount Zion, and how is it a type of Jesus Christ?

* **Children:** Why are God's people described as sheep? How are we like sheep? How is God like a shepherd (see also Psa. 23)? What does Micah's prophecy teach us about God's shepherd who will come? List at least five things.

* Read Micah 2-3. What kind of shepherd-rulers does Israel have in the time of Micah? What does God promise through Jeremiah 3:15 and Isaiah 40:1, 11? (Also, Ezekiel 34).

* **How does Micah point forward to the ministry of Jesus Christ (How is he like/unlike the Lord Jesus Christ)?**

* God the Father provides an Advocate in His Beloved Son to represent His people (Mic. 6-7). How particularly is Jesus Christ our Advocate? How does Jesus send to us "another Advocate" to be with us always?

Hymns for this Week

1. Jesus Shall Reign - 441

2. O God, Your Judgments Give the King - 312

3. The King of Love My Shepherd Is - 184

"Shema...ami...anah...Hear! My People...Answer!" (Mic. 6:1-5)

"My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways."

- ^{ESV} **Proverbs 23:26**