

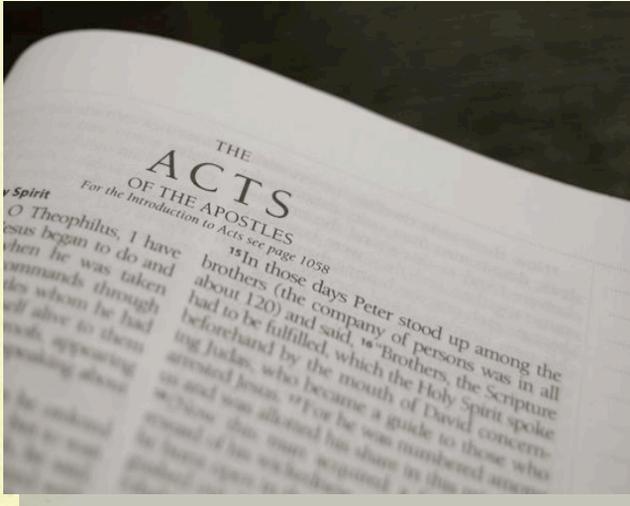


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, November 12, 2016



Upcoming Events—Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship: Your pastor and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts for the Lord's Day, and praying for the worship of our God. Pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing on the preaching of the Word and our fellowship!

Women's Bible Studies: Evening study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm, studying the Book of Daniel. For more information contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net. Daytime study meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 1-3, studying *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything*. Contact Joanie Leake for more information at J2Leake@gmail.com. All women are invited to attend either or both!

Evening Worship this Lord's Day: Come join us this Lord's Day evening as we close this special day together with worship followed by fellowship and feasting. Sermon series on Gospel of John continues with *"Born Again"* (John 3).

Locust Street Film Night- 11th Season: This Friday viewing and discussing William Wyler's *'The Best Years of Our Lives'* (1946). You don't want to miss this one! Dinner at 6, Film at 7.

Thanksgiving Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Saturday, November 19th from 8:30-10. Guest Speaker: Rev. Jacob Baum, Pastor of Loudoun Valley Baptist Church.

Thank Offering: Please be praying about how you would like to give to our Christian Education and missionaries in the OPC. Theme: *"Abounding in Hope"* (Rom. 15:13). For more info on video: <http://opc.org/feature.html>

Sunday School Classes—Autumn 2016: The adults are studying "Church History 101: Highlights from Twenty Centuries" taught by your elders. New Members' class also continues this Lord's Day.

Christmas Worship and Outreach Opportunities: Caroling, Christmas parade, and Christmas Eve joint worship service with Potomac Hills PCA in Leesburg. Details forthcoming...

Coming Soon—Morning Sermon Series: The next morning worship sermon series will be 1 Samuel.

"So the church...had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied."

- Acts 9:31

From Your Pastor

*The Fear of the LORD**

Do you fear the LORD? It is for your good always. Fear of the LORD is simply an important and foundational aspect of Christ-likeness. To put it starkly, one cannot truly love the true and living God and not fear Him. Jesus Christ says: *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* Our "proof" or "evidence" or the fruit of our love for Christ will be in our fearing Him in seeking to do what He teaches us to do (Deut. 8:5-6). The fear of the LORD is the "beginning of wisdom" and it is how we are to live and to teach our children (Deut. 6:1-2, 13). Perhaps the greatest weakness of the western church of Jesus Christ is the lack of the fear of the LORD. We rightly emphasize God's love, but we should remember that there cannot not be a love for God without a fear of Him. God asks His people: *"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'"* (Malachi 1:6).

"And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always..."
- Deuteronomy 6:25

Our forefather John Calvin defined the fear of the LORD, and how particularly it is an evidence of true godliness: *"True piety [godliness] does not consist in a fear which willingly indeed flees God's judgment, but since it cannot escape is terrified. True piety consists rather in a sincere feeling which loves God as Father as much as it fears and reverences Him as Lord, embraces His righteousness, and dreads offending Him worse than death."*

ESV **Isaiah 11:2-3**: And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear...

ESV **Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

ESV **2 Corinthians 5:11** Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

ESV **2 Corinthians 7:1** Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Summary of the fear of the Lord: * Fear of the Lord is Christ-Focused, Christ-centered, Gospel-Driven: Jesus redeems us from lawlessness and sin to purify us and to make us God-fearers. As Christ feared the LORD, so we learn to fear the LORD in reverence, awe, and obedience to our Father and Majestic Lord. * Fear of the Lord is a fear of sweetness and delight for God's children: Because we are God's children, we do not fear the judgment of God, but we do fear to displease God because we love Him so much (Deut. 8:5-6). * Fear of the Lord develops a life of repentance and faith: Fear of the LORD makes us live before God humbly and repentantly, seeking to live by faith in reliance upon His grace, knowing the terrible consequences of sin, seeking to be careful, watchful, prayerful as God's dear children (Deut. 8:1a, 11). * Fear of the Lord brings freedom to live as you were created to live: Fear of the LORD is our happiness to live before God as we were created to live before sin. * Fear of the Lord humbly receives and obeys God's Word: Fear of the LORD causes us to listen carefully to God's word to us, and to seek to do what He says (Deut. 7:11; John 15:9-11). *"But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word"* (Isa. 66:2b).

Do you truly fear God? Ask the Spirit of Christ to develop this in you as you seek to imitate the Lord Jesus, knowing He has died for you to make you holy. Let us pray as a congregation we will be described as Acts 9:31: *"So the church...had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied."*

In Christ's love,
Pastor Biggs

* *For full article at www.ketocin.org/resources/blog*

"Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and fearing Him."

- Deuteronomy 8:5-6

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:

“A Witness for Him”

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: John 8:37-45; 16:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:10-17

Scripture Text: Acts 21:37-22:22

Theme of Sermon/Worship: The Lord's servant is called to witness for Christ of all that he has seen and heard.

Questions for family worship and/or devotion to prepare hearts for worship or to review sermon

- **Children: Read Acts 22:6-16.** What did the Apostle Paul hear and see on the Road to Damascus? Who did He see? Why did He see Him?
- Paul describes himself as “zealous for God” before Christ and after Christ. What are the differences in this zeal (Hint: Rom. 10:1-4; 12:11; Gal. 1:14; cf. John 16:2). Are you zealous? Would you say that you possess a biblical zeal? Why, or why not.
- How does Paul display a submissive, humble, yet bold spirit before the Roman tribune?
- What is the summary of the Apostle Paul's speech that he makes before the Jews?

Hymns

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, 101

2. Holy Bible, Book Divine, 137

3. Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, 560

“Pride naturally runs in our veins, and it is nourished by ease and prosperity. By trouble we come to know our own heart. God seeks to develop meekness in His people through affliction, then save them from affliction.”

- **Thomas Case**