

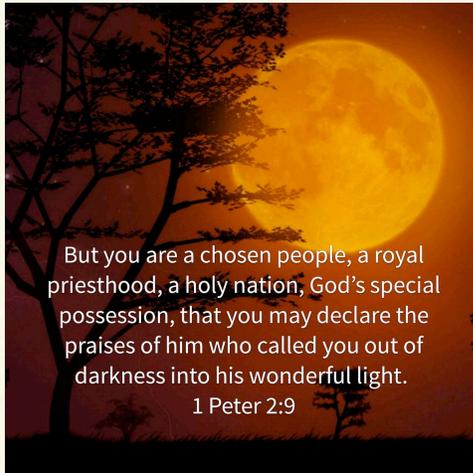


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending January 13, 2018



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Congregational Memory Verse for 2018— KCPC's 15th anniversary! "For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." -2 Peter 1:5-8

Prepare for worship by spending 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!

Evening worship this Lord's Day at 6pm, followed by a fellowship meal; we continue our sermon series on the Gospel of John.

Sunday school resumes this Sunday, Jan. 14th; our adult Sunday school will have the privilege of a series on Christ's gift of the Diaconate to His church, its nature and ministry, taught by our beloved deacons, Pat Whitmore and Mark Miller. Later in the winter, Pastor Biggs will be teaching a short mini-series on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

Men's and Boy's breakfast on Saturday Jan. 13th from 8:30-10am. We will continue to discuss how to be a faithful presence of Christ as His counter-cultural-kingdom people in this present age through a critical appreciation of Rob Dreher's *The Benedict Option*. Bring a breakfast to share. Guest speaker: Philip Pugh

Locust Street Film Night on Friday, Jan. 19th: come at 6pm for dinner, 7pm for LSFN's first ever sing-along featuring "Fiddler on the Roof."

Baptism of covenant child on Jan. 21st in the morning service; we will participate in the baptism of Ruth Davis in the Triune Name. Praise to the LORD, the Almighty! He is good! 

Pastor/Elder family visitation Your pastor and elders will be seeking to schedule in-home family visits for pastoral care and prayer over the next several months. Let us know at any time how we can best serve you as your shepherd-elders.

Women's Bible studies meet in the daytime on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm, studying the book of Ruth with Paul Miller's interactive study *A Loving Life* (contact Joanie Leake at j2leake@gmail.com for details) and in the evening on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm, studying Ecclesiastes using Zack Eswine's book *Recovering Eden* (for more information, contact Margaret Biggs at missmargarethbiggs@comcast.net).

***"Only fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart.
For consider what great things He has done for you."***

-1 Samuel 12:24

From Your Pastor

A meditation on holiness as we memorize 2 Peter 1:5-8 as a congregation in 2018:

***Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness
without which no one will see the Lord.
-Hebrews 12: 14***

"**What is this holiness?** (1.) **The imputed holiness of Christ**. By his active obedience he perfectly fulfilled the commands of the law, and by his passive obedience, his voluntary sufferings, he fully satisfied the penalties and curses of the law. This holiness of Christ is ours by imputation! It is reckoned unto believing sinners. Certainly, without this mediatory holiness we cannot stand before God.

(2.) **Inherent, internal holiness**. This is God's supernatural infusing of holy principles, divine qualities, or supernatural graces into the soul by the Holy Spirit. This is the new nature that God created in righteousness and true holiness. These gracious habits of holiness are the candles of the Lord, set up in us to walk by. A holy heart is always attended with a holy life, and without this, there is no hope or possibility of ever seeing the Lord. The more these spiritual habits are acted and exercised, the more they are increased and strengthened. Holy habits are golden talents that must be employed and improved!

(3.) **Relational holiness**. We have been separated from common use and set apart for the worship and service of God! God will have no communion with any that are not separated from the sinful practices and unholy courses of the world. He will own none, delight in none, acknowledge none, and receive none for his sons and daughters but such as are separated from all evil vices and unholy courses. God will be only theirs that are really his, and he will be altogether theirs that are wholly his! God will resign himself up to them who resign themselves up to him; he will give up himself to them that have given up their names and their hearts to him.

He that does not dedicate himself really to God, wholly to God, only to God, and always to God on earth shall never come to a vision of God in heaven (2 Cor. 6: 17-18)!

-Thomas Brooks, Works, iv: 37-47

"...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."

- 1 Samuel 15:22b

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon:

“Kingship”

Rev. Charles R. Biggs



Theme of Sermon:

The call to kingship in God's kingdom is to redeem God's people, but it is to teach the people how to live righteously before the LORD as well. It is a covenantal work of salvation and example for the people. God's people are called to be holy as the LORD is holy.

Scripture Lesson:

Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Samuel 8:11-18; Psalm 45:4-7

Sermon Text:

1 Samuel 10:17-11:15

Hymns

360 - When in His Might the Lord

48 - O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

597 - Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire



Questions for Meditation and Preparation

- Children: Read 1 Sam. 10:17-11:15. From your studies so far in Books of Samuel, what kind of person is Saul? How would you describe him? What are his strengths? His weaknesses?
- From last week's sermon, what does it mean to be "anointed"? Why was Jesus Christ anointed? (Hint: Acts 2:33-36; 10:37-43).
- What happens when the Holy Spirit "rushes" upon Saul? What does that teach you about God's power?
- Read 1 Sam. 10:25. What are the "rights and duties of the kingship"? (Hint: Deut. 17:14-20).

“...For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

-1 Samuel 16:7b