

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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We are a month removed from the day that we celebrated Resurrection Sunday, but Jesus' resurrection caused a mess. He knew it would and did it anyway. He never intended to replace Rome with a world-wide Jewish kingdom, which is what His followers kept asking Him. **He intended to build a world-wide Kingdom of God, based on mankind's faith in the impossible and God's miraculous grace.** It has not been easy, but it has continued to grow for 2500+ years until it is the Number One religion in the world.

Curiously, the more "**enlightened**" humans become, the more difficult it is for us to grasp the story of Jesus. We tend to think of "**salvation**" as the gift of science and human government. Artificial Intelligence and huge military differences keep offering false hope and getting in the way, but we're sure we can do it. We're thousands of years beyond the philosophies of Greece and the legions of Rome, but we're still convinced "**we can do it.**"

That has been humanity's great foolishness for as long as we've called Earth home. **We're amazing creatures.** Gifted. Determined. Smart. We shake our heads at what we invent, discover and accomplish. **And we're stupid creatures.** Selfish. Proud. Dumb. We hang our heads, thinking **How could we make the same mistakes again?** [Remember, the definition of a fool is trying to do the **same** things over and over again but expecting different results.]

We can't do it. We transplant hearts. We replace missing limbs. We shoot rockets into space and dream of colonizing other planets. Given time, we probably will. But our differences can't be solved by transferring one physical heart for another. Why did Jesus tell us to share the story of His resurrection with everyone. Why? **It's the only way!!!** 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (Amplified):

For since [it was] through a man that death [came into the world, it is] also through a Man that the resurrection of the dead [has come]. For just as [because of their union of nature] in Adam all people die, so also [by virtue of their union of nature] shall all in Christ be made alive.

Welcome!

April 28th, 2024



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – suspended until further notice.

Iron Sharpens Iron 2024 – May 18th, call all men to please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. We have a signup sheet on the table in the foyer. Please sign if you plan to attend. More information to follow. There are postcards on the table in the foyer. Take all you need and let’s recruit men to go with us to this event.

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TEXT: Psalms 96

I **EXALT HIS** _____ – verses 1-2a

We’re called in this passage to _____ to the Lord three different times. Job 38:4-7; Revelation 15:3

We are to sing a “_____” to the Lord. Revelation 14:1-3; 15:4

II. **EXTEND HIS** _____ – verses 2-3

We’re told when to do it _____ after day, and, _____ to do it _____ the nations. Matthew 28:19

III. **EXPRESS HIS** _____ – verses 4-9

God is not just a tribal god, but is _____ over _____ the nations.

He is to be _____ and _____ above everyone and everything else.

God is clothed with _____, and armed with _____ and glory that is brighter than the _____.

1. Romans 12:1-2 – offer our _____ to the Lord.
2. Hebrews 13:15 –offer a _____ of praise.
3. We also worship God as we offer our _____ resources to Him and His kingdom _____.

IV. **EXPECT HIS** _____ – verses 10-13; Romans 8:20-22

He will _____ the world in righteousness and the peoples in _____.

We are called to _____ and _____. Jude 14-15

Christ’s coming has obvious implications on the way we _____, on the way we _____, and the way we _____.