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The Nails of the Cross ***Robert Notgrass***

Matthew tells us that the mob on the hill of Calvary challenged Christ to “come down from the cross” (Matt. 27:40). What held Christ to the cross?

IT WAS NOT THE NAILS THAT HELD HIM ON THE CROSS.

He had the power to remove the nails. He could have called “more than twelve legions of angels” to remove him from the cross (Matt. 26:53). He who could still the storm, feed the multitude, and raise the dead, could have removed the nails. That crowd could not have killed Christ if he had not wished to do His Father’s will. “Therefore doth my father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay down of myself...” (Jn. 10:17-18).

THE FATHER’S WILL AND WISH HELD HIM ON THE CROSS.

Jesus prayed and said, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt” (Matt. 26:39). It was the will of God that His Son become the “atoning sacrifice, for our sins” (1 Jn. 2:2). The Saviour’s love and our sins held Christ to the tree.

GOD’S ETERNAL PURPOSE HELD CHRIST TO THE CROSS.

Jesus died to purchase the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28). The church is the institution through which the eternal purpose of God is to be made known to the world (Eph. 3:10). Without Christ’s death, God’s purpose for the world would have been aborted. Thus His love for God and man held Him to the cross and not the nails.

THE JOY SET BEFORE CHRIST HELD HIM TO THE CROSS. The “author and perfecter of our faith” disregarded His suffering and “for the joy set before him endured the cross despising the shame” (Heb. 12:2). The angry mob’s mocking at the cross was ignored by Christ because of the “joy set before Him.”

Neither the lack of power nor the nails held Jesus to the cross. His resignation to the will of God and His love for the souls of mankind bound Him to the tree on which He died.

God Our Savior

Tim Dooley

In Isaiah 21-25, God, through the prophet Isaiah, contrasts Himself with the various man made gods of which those in the Ancient Near East were so fond. In fact, the children of Israel had also put their hope and trust in these so-called gods. Time and again the prophet of God says the One true God of Israel is the Lord and there is no other savior.

The Lord could do physically what the idols of man could never do. Likewise, spiritually, He could do what they could not. He could blot out the sins of His people. And while some would bow their knee or swear to, and by, images of wood or stone, eventually every knee would bow to the Lord and every tongue would confess His name.

The idols might have changed but the principle taught herein has not. Men today still worship and bow to images and gods (i.e. sports, money, pleasures, power, entertainment, recreation...) that are no gods. They put their trust in temporal things that cannot satisfy them, sanctify them, or save them. There is only one Savior and one Hope. What are you putting before the Lord? Obey Him and be faithful.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - 7 Points on the Cross
Matthew 26:26-29

PM - Things That Makes the
Church Run Wel - People
Galatians 3:1-9

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Men's Business Meeting

November 25

Ladies Holiday Party
See Bulletin Board for details

December 13

Adult Holiday Party
Details will be coming soon

Cards to Send

Mary Bolen
25 Max Lane
Apt 114
Jackson, TN 38301

Luther & Jo Merritt
121 Chester Levee Road
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Weekly Record

Bible Class	47/8
AM Worship	92/10
PM Worship	57/7
Wed Bible Study	54/5
Contribution	5848
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 16 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Mike Wages
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Mike Wages

Nov 19 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Greg Long

Nov 23 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Colton Brown

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Ron Clouse
Communion: Greg Long

Nov 26 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM