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Looking at the Cross ***Dan Jenkins***

The way Christians look at the cross of Jesus is vastly different from the way the ungodly look at it. Paul sums it all up in these words, “It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For the Jews request a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness” (1 Cor. 1:21-23). This is so far removed from the way saints see the cross.

Pagans look at the cross. Every god of every pagan was powerful—more powerful than any man. The very concept of deity being killed by mortals was beyond comprehension. As the early church brought the message of the cross to the entire world, it was foolishness.

Jews look at the cross. They were expecting the coming of the Messiah. Those who understood could see that God had promised to someday send a prophet, priest and king to live among them. With their view of the Messiah, the cross became a stumbling block. One does not have to submit to a king who is so helpless or listen to a mortal who claims to be a prophet. Jesus may have said, “You have heard that it was said, but I say to you...,” but who cares what Jesus said, for he is just a man claiming to be someone great. One cannot put their trust in a priest like Jesus to save them. What was said at the cross sums it up: “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God” (Luke 23:35).

Christians look at the cross. Read the rest of the words of Paul to the Corinthians. “We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” It is truly amazing how differently a pagan, a Jew and a Christian would hear the same sermon. What is the right view? Look at the cross through the eyes of God.

Built within God’s eternal plan is a weekly communion with Jesus at His table. As you remember Him every week, make sure you truly see who He is. Remember His body and His blood. As you remember Him every week, look at yourself—let a man examine himself. As you remember Him every week, see the future—proclaim His death until He comes.

God has no other message for mankind. The Jews asked for a sign and the only sign given was the cross. The Greeks sought wisdom, but the only wisdom God had for them was Christ crucified. We must never forget the cross and what happened there. A failure to look at the cross, to remember what happened for us, will result in us being “barren and unfruitful and blind” (2 Pet. 1:8-9). See the cross like God sees it!

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, Linda Morris
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Ruby Malone,
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington

Today's Sermons

AM - 3 Views of the Cross
Matthew 27:54

PM - Stryder Lynch
FHU Student

Happenings

South Jackson

April 11

Ladies Day
Speaker: Debbie Kea

April 24

Areawide Singing at
South Jackson

Cards to Send

Eddie & Teriyaki Anderson
225 Deerfield Loop
Henderson, TN 38340

Sheila Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
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Weekly Record

Bible Class	41/15
AM Worship	108/15
PM Worship	49/20
Wed Bible Study	52/4
Contribution	3726
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

Apr 12 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Ronald Clouse
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Van McConnell
Contribution:
Louie Leroux

PM WORSHIP

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

Apr 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Devo - Jerry Butcher

Apr 19 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Marion Thomas
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Jacob Har
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Mike Wages

Apr 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Mike Wages

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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