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Truths at the Cross ***Dan Jenkins***

As you stand at the foot of His cross, what great truths come into your heart? Sometimes our greatest understanding of truth comes in the midst of great trauma.

At His cross, I learn the truth about myself. There were so many who were impacted by His death and each had his own reason for being there. I wonder if I would have stood beside those who mocked Him? Would I be among those who walked by and kept going with little interest in what was happening? Would I have stood beside His mother and sought to comfort her, or would I have not been there at all like those disciples who fled from the garden? The answer to these questions might be discovered by seeing what emotions I have during the meditation I do when I commune with Him around the His table.

At His cross, I learn the sinfulness of mankind. Think of all the evil that filled the hearts of those evil men whose agenda brought about His death. Three times Pilate asked these men, "What evil has He done?" (Luke 23:22). There is no answer to this question, for He never did even one thing wrong. The Jews could not find any evidence as to why He should die until two false witnesses lied about what He had said about the temple. Why was the mob so enraged? Why were the words spoken to Him and about Him so filled with such blasphemy? Evil is a reality in our world and it has never been seen more clearly than at the foot of the cross.

At His cross, I learn the truth about my inability to save myself. My own “goodness” could not take away the guilt of only one sin. The only hope I have of heaven is that hanging on that cross was the One whose sinless life could redeem me. My sinfulness means I owed a debt, and on that cross was One who paid my debt. There was nothing I could do to remove sin and God sent His son to pay my debt. I feel my sinfulness and helplessness at the cross.

At His cross, I learn about God’s providential love which surrounds me now. Jesus died for me, a mortal worthy of the torment of hell because of my rebellion. Now if God did that much for me when I was His enemy, how much more will He do for me now that I am His child? Mediate on these words, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Rom. 5:8-10). He loved me then and He loves me much more now!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Jerry Butcher

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard, Kyle Bess
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Archie Hardy,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - Greg Long Speaking
Matthew 28:6

PM - Sermon through Songs -
Commitment

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
following AM Service.
PM Worship will be at 1 PM

October 18-21

Gospel Meeting with
Bruce Hatcher

October 31

Ladies Retreat
Pinson Mounds
See bulletin board for
more information

Cards to Send

Gaylon & Betty Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

James Morris
C/O Vanessa Perry
97 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

Bible Class	37/2
AM Worship	83/61
PM Worship	41/0
Wed Bible Study	50/5
Contribution	3829
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 30 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture:
Charlie Richardson
Opening Prayer:
Eddie Anderson
Sermon: Greg Long
Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Various
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Song Service
Closing Prayer: Ronald Close
Communion: Greg Long

Sept 2 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Devo - Mike Wages

Sept 6 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Van McConnell
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Eddie Anderson
Contribution:
Louie Leroux

PM WORSHIP

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

Sept 9 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

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