

Blood on the Doorposts

by Frank Chesser

Humanly devised religions are numerous and varied. Based on human will and desire, their attraction is to the flesh. Christianity stands alone as the only religion with its origin in divinity, thus appealing to the spiritual aspect of man's nature.

Man's problem is sin. Sin is a universal malady, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Since there is "not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20), the whole world stands "guilty before God" (Romans 3:19). Sin creates a "great gulf" (Luke 16:26) between God and man that cannot be spanned by man's own efforts. A lifetime of good works could not constitute even one plank on a bridge back to God.

Jesus is God's only remedy for sin. Thus, Christianity embraces an exclusive Savior. Jesus stepped in the gap to serve as the link between God and His offspring. God "hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:18). Therefore, those "who sometimes were afar off are made right by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13).

Gospel obedience is God's means of teaching us with the blood of His Son. Consequently, the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:34). "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3). Thus, baptism is the culminating act of the "obedience of faith" (Romans 6:26) that unites man with Christ's blood. Therefore, eternal ruin awaits all those that "obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ"

(2 Thessalonians 1:8).

Whether one was a king on a throne or a peasant in the field, lived in a mansion on a hill or an empty flat on poverty's row, reclined on a bed of ivory or lay on a bed of clay, was wrapped in purple or clothed in rags was of no consequence when God passed over Egypt (Exodus 12:13). All that mattered was "Is the blood of the lamb on the door posts of my house?" When time gives way to eternity, the sole matter of human concern will be, "Is the blood of the Lamb on the doorposts of my soul?" Jesus Christ is God's exclusive cure for sin.

The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are.

And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13)



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Prayer, singing and readings from the Psalms.*

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Scripture Reading: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: September 2nd**, at the building at 6:30. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. We will be continuing our study of Hosea.
- **Next Potluck: TBD**
- **Next Regional Singing: TBA**



- **Lori Kashorek**, who we have been praying for during the last several years while she was dealing with lung cancer and brain tumors, has come home from the hospital under Hospice care.
- Today will be a **5th Sunday** song, scripture reading and prayer service.



PRAYERS

- **Pray for all of us as businesses open, and especially as schools open amidst the Covid-19 crisis.**
- **Pray for Tim as he recovers from the infection that put him in the hospital. Pray that his dental appointment will take care of the problem.**
- **Aidan Jarrett** is awaiting results from the Covid19 test he had on Thursday night. He is Arthur and Sandy's grandson.
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his esophageal cancer in the months to come. He should be having surgery this month.
- A friend of the Barrys, **Steve Harrison**, who lives with his family in Viet Nam is suffering with dark depression.
- **Doug Kashorek** has asked for prayers for himself and his wife Lori as she has decided to go home to be with the Lord when He decides to take her.
- **Please pray about the Lord's Supper and how we can keep our faith and please God during this time of pandemic.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.