

Quidnick Baptist Church
Communion Service
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1st Timothy 3:16

“Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh,

was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels,

was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”

Romans #080

“Dead, Buried and Raised with Him to New Life”

Romans 6:4; John 7:38-39

Genesis 2:9, 16. 3:1-6

The fact of the resurrection is based upon the existence of the empty tomb and the competency of witnesses who knew Jesus Christ very well and could not be deceived, to the point that they would die rather than change their testimony about His resurrection. Without the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it's impossible for Him to be glorified and He has to have a human body for His glorification.

The glorification of Jesus Christ depends upon His resurrection, His ascension as a man and His being seated at the right hand of the Father as a man and His humanity at that point becomes superior to all angelic creation even though angels were initially created superior to mankind.

Resurrection validates completion of justification accomplished on the cross where God the Father placed our sins on His Son and the believer receives His righteousness.

No believer is justified until he receives

God's righteousness.

Justification means vindication; God sees us in Christ and He sees that we have His righteousness, so He declares us vindicated!

Our spiritual life is based upon Jesus' spiritual death and a covenant has greater strength than a will; it can never be set aside where a will can be set aside by an act of law.

We are not the beneficiaries of a will and testament because then the resurrection of Christ would have cancelled His will and testament.

Without the resurrection, there is no mediator;

a mediator is someone who brings two parties together and he is equal with both parties and in this case the mediation is between man and God.

A mediator has to be alive to mediate a covenant and we are under the New Covenant which is the salvation principle; Jesus Christ mediates it and He is the only One qualified to do it because He is man and He is God in one Person forever.

Just as Jesus Christ received new resurrection life, we too at salvation receive a new life, no longer bound by sin and death.

Grace depends on who and what God is and there is no room for human good in His plan.

Human good is different from sin in that human good does not involve a moral issue; for example: giving money to a local church would not be classified as sin but if the person was unsaved, it would be human good and if it was a believer out of fellowship, it would be human good.

One of the great themes of the Bible is the battle of good vs good; human good vs divine good; Satan sponsors human good, God sponsors divine good.

Sin in life originates in our sin nature, while evil originates from our heart.

To be judged for evil would mean to be judged for Satan's policy and then there would be no angelic dispute.

Sin is handled by recovery and evil can only be handled by growth to spiritual maturity, through biblical saturation which is the only way to exclude evil from the soul.

THERE WERE 4 CATEGORIES OF TREES:

- 1) some designed for blessing, total soul stimulation through observation
- 2) some for food to satisfy and stimulate the human body
- 3) the tree of life in the middle of the Garden gave them capacity for life and enjoyment of perfect environment and of the Lord.
- 4) the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

When the sin nature entered the cell structure of the body of Adam, ageing began but because of the perfection of his body in the Garden, it took 930 years for him to die physically.

All that was required for man in the Garden to die was to commit one personal transgression.

Satan always says that God is a liar.

Notice that we were baptized into His death and we were buried with Him and baptism means identification and identification with anything in Jesus is identification with everything in Jesus; not just part.

Paul has taken an abstract doctrine of baptism by means of the Holy Spirit and brought us to something extremely practical, the doctrine of newness of life.

But there is only real change if it is done God's way.

Real change from us who were fallen creatures dependent on our sin natures to give us security, comfort and strength into someone who gets security, comfort and strength from God alone, takes a long time.

That was Jesus' baptism of substitutionary spiritual death where He was identified with the sins of the world.

Anyone standing on human good will have a cup from which he will drink, containing the wrath of God.

Man's choice: Either accept Jesus drinking for you on the cross or accept the wrath of God on yourself.

If you reject the cross, then the alternative is the wrath of God, so either let Jesus drink God's wrath for you or you drink it yourself.

When He came in the 1st Advent, He drank the cup and when He comes in the 2nd

**Advent, unbelievers will drink the cup because they did not accept
His drinking for them.**

Many times, we have been protected from evil and we have been totally unaware of it.