

Sunday, June 6, 2021 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15 – Four images of salvation

1. God comes seeking

8-9 – (Adam and Eve) heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

Has there been a time in your life when you tried to hide from God?

If so, what prompted that response from you, and how did it turn out?

Jonah 1: 3 – But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

What is your Tarshish?

God sent a raging storm, a giant fish, a growing gourd, and a gnawing worm to get Jonah’s attention.

What has God used to get your attention?

Luke 19: 10 (Zacchaeus) – The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

2. God provides a covering

7 – They sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

21 – The Lord made garments of skins for the man and for his wife and clothed them.

Exodus 12: 13 – When I see the blood, I will pass over you.

Leviticus 16: 14 – on the Day of Atonement - (Aaron) shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat.

3. God provides a substitute

2: 16-17 – You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.

Leviticus 16: 21-22 – on the Day of Atonement - Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and send it away into the wilderness. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region.

1 Peter 3: 18 – Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

4. God promises to win the victory

15 - I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

Colossians 2: 15 – He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in (the cross).

Psalm 130 – Wait for the Lord

1-2 - Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O LORD, hear my voice!

When have you most cried out to God out of the depths? What happened?

5-7 - I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

When have you most needed to wait for the Lord? What happened?

*Isaiah 40: 31 – Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1 – Renewed in the inner nature

Philippians and 2 Corinthians are Paul's most personal letters.

Philippians is a very joyful letter, as he is thanking them for their love and support.

2 Corinthians is a very painful letter, as he is dealing with the strife between them.

14 - We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.

15 - Everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16-18 - So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Cf. Romans 8: 18 – The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

4: 8-10 – We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. See 4: 7.

Mark 3:20-35 – The unforgiveable sin

21 - His family went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."

How painful it must have been for Jesus – and Mary – to have His own brothers and sisters oppose Him.

Luke 2: 35 – Simeon to Mary – "And a soul will pierce your own soul also."

22 - Scribes from Jerusalem: "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."

23-27 – Jesus: "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered."

28-30 – "People will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin" —for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."