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REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKETON, OHIO

-THE MORNING MESSAGE-

DEATH DESTROYED BY DEATH

HEBREWS 2:10-18



10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

13 And again,
"I will put my trust in him."

And again,
"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The Epistle to the Hebrews was written to weary believers tempted to draw back and seek stability elsewhere. Into that weariness, the Spirit speaks with clarity and power: Christ is better. Better than angels, priests, sacrifices, or anything else that might compete for our confidence.

Hebrews 2 confronts us with a truth that may sound surprising at first. It was fitting that God would perfect the Author of our salvation through suffering. Christ's suffering was not accidental or unfortunate. It was necessary according to the wisdom of God. Through the cross, God brings many sons and daughters to glory.

Salvation is more than rescue from judgment. It is adoption into God's family and a journey toward glory. The Son of God took on flesh and blood, entered fully into our condition, and through His death destroyed the power of death itself. By dying, Christ freed His people from lifelong slavery to the fear of death.

Because He was made like us in every respect, Christ is a merciful and faithful High Priest. He made full satisfaction for sin and now helps those who are tempted. He is not ashamed to call us brothers.

Here is the gospel according to Hebrews 2: a suffering Savior, a united family, a defeated enemy, and a faithful High Priest who will bring His people safely home.

"Behold, I and the children God has given me." - JB

NOTE: Last Sunday, this sermon was cut short by unforeseen circumstances. Lord willing, the message will be presented today in its entirety.



BARABBAS: THE SCANDAL OF FREE GRACE



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Grace is scandalous. It breaks all the rules of what most assume to be proper. With the lips, religion may confess that grace is unmerited favor, yet in the heart of religion, grace is something that must be obtained by good decisions, moral uprightness, and a proper measure of obedience—and then maintained by the same, lest it be lost. The gospel knows nothing of this kind of “grace,” for in truth, it is no grace at all.

One of the clearest pictures of the gospel in Scripture is found in the account of Barabbas. Barabbas was not falsely accused; he was undeniably guilty of his crimes. He was a violent man, a robber, and one who deserved punishment. Jesus, on the other hand, was innocent—without sin, without crime, without guilt—yet He was condemned while the guilty man walked away free. This was no accident of history, but a divinely ordained display of the true gospel. Barabbas represents fallen humanity: guilty, broken, and deserving of judgment. Jesus is God Himself taking our place. When Pilate asked the crowd whom he should release, they chose one of their own. The guilty was set free while the God-Man took his place. Jesus did not object to the exchange, for this is precisely why He came. He shall save His people.

Because of the substitutionary and finished work of Christ on behalf of the guilty, His people walk away forgiven, righteous, and free. All who rest in the Savior are comforted, for there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Jesus did not partially take our place, leaving us to earn the remainder by our behavior. We are perfect in the sight of God solely on the basis of Christ’s obedience. Nothing is left undone—only rest in the Savior remains.

Grace is scandalous. Grace was finished at the cross. And we walk away free, eternally secure. This freedom is not temporary, nor is it fragile. The exchange is complete, and the love of God for His people is the final word.

Soli Deo Gloria

Church Life News (DV)



Blessing Box Food Drive

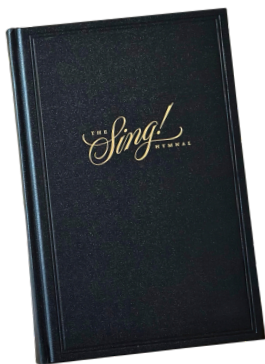
Please bring in non-perishable foods for donation each Sunday as we stock up our Free Store Blessing Box to help families in need.

Pastor Keith Preaching

Sunday, January 18, 2025, Pastor Keith Boothe will be preaching during the morning worship service. Please be in prayer for this service.

Visit the Church Website!

Visit our website at www.RedeemerPiketon.org for Bible study resources, past sermon and teaching videos, teaching series, articles written by our church teaching team, and so much more. New articles added regularly. Share the website with friends and family as a "go to" Gospel resource!



We Have a New Hymnal

With the new year comes a brand new hymnal for our church! We will be singing from the brand new Sing Hymnal this morning.

The Church at Worship Sunday January 4, 2025 11:30 AM



Pre-Service Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Keith Boothe

#404 Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Psalm Reading

Greg Flannery

#393 Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

Sermon

Jason Boothe

#598 He Will Hold Me Fast

Closing Prayer

Keith Boothe

Nicene Creed

325 A.D.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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SERMON NOTES

Reflection Guide


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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: _____

PREACHER / TEACHER: _____

SERMON NOTES

WHAT IS THE MAIN POINT OR THEME OF THIS MESSAGE?



KEY QUOTE OR BIBLE VERSE(S):

KEY POINTS

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