

News & Notes

Sunday, June 15, 2008

Remember in Prayer: Daryl Alberson; Tommy Alberson; Venetta Alberson; Mary Bailey; Vikie Cobb; Melba Cox; Mary Ann Duke; Lettie Mae Hunt; Charles Johnson; Shirley Judge; Dot Ketchum; Sam Kidd; Wayne Kidd; James Luna; John and Deliah Mann; Diane Mize; Willie Mae Needham; Kaylee Northrop; Larry Price; Ann Ray; Jerry Ray; Bobby Russum; Jonell Rutledge; Katherine Shaw; Chris Spence; Jamie Spence; Calvin Ursery; Alvie Williford;

Pantry item for the month of June is sugar.

Special thanks to all who helped with our vacation Bible school this past week.

Ashland Events: Today: Prayer meeting at 4:00 PM;

Area Events: June 21: Youth rally at the Booneville congregation; June 22-26: The North Green Street church of Christ in Tupelo will have a gospel meeting with Steven Thompson;

Sermon in Preview:

AM: The Love of God (John 3:16)

PM: The Justice of God (Luke 11:42)

For the Record (June 1, 2008):

Attendance: 81 Contribution: \$1042.00 Budget: \$1452.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Shepherds:

Barney King
Carrol Street

Romans 11:33

ASHLAND ANNOUNCER

Increasing in the Knowledge of God



What Is God Like?

David A. Sargent

What is God like? Consider three attributes of God, especially as they relate to the salvation of man.

God is holy. How do we know this? Nature reveals to us His wisdom, power, and creativity, but there is nothing in all of God's creation which teaches us that God is holy. God has revealed this attribute about Himself through His word (Leviticus 11:45; 1 Peter 1:15-16). "Holy" means "set apart." God is separate and apart in regard to His purity and His majesty. He is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness" (Habakkuk 1:13). Since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), all should fear the holiness of God.

God is just. The Psalmist declared:

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face" (Psalm 89:14). Because He is just, God cannot tolerate evil and every sin must be punished. As one has correctly observed: "Justice can demand no less. Where there is wrong it must be righted, where there is iniquity it must be punished. To overlook a single transgression of divine law would be to compromise divine holiness." As sinners, we all deserve the wages of sin: death (Romans 6:23).

The dilemma: How can a holy and just God save unholy and unjust sinners yet remain holy and just? Is there any hope for us? Is it possible for us to be saved from our sins?

God, in all His holiness and justice, could punish each sin on the spot and that would affirm that He was holy and just. But then none could be saved. God doesn't want anyone to be lost. He "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). There is another attribute of God to consider..

God is love (1 John 4:7-8). God, from eternity, had a plan whereby He would demonstrate that He is both just, and the Justifier of the sinner, thereby

manifesting His grace and love.

The solution is found in Christ! Read Romans 3:23-26. Indeed, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," but God, because of His love, sent His Son, Jesus, to live among men and then to die on the cross. On the cross, Jesus paid the price for sin - for your sin, for mine, and for the sins of the whole world. In the cross of Christ, God's holiness, justice and love met - demonstrating His mercy and providing salvation for sinners like you and me.

Through the cross of Christ, God both punished sin and provided the means of our salvation.

To accept the offer of salvation through Christ, we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for our sins (Acts 16:31), we must repent of our sins (Acts 17:30-31), we must confess Christ before men (Romans 10:9-10), and we must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then as we continue to walk in the light as He is in the light, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse us from our sins (1 John 1:7).

Will you accept His offer on His terms?