

ADVENT

{4th Week – Sunday, December 23, 2018 A.D.}

The Gospel:

- "Part A -- Law:"
 - God is Holy and Just.
 - As bearers of "His image and likeness," men, created by God as very good moral creatures, are purposed by God to offer Him alone holy worship, in spirit and in truth, continually and eternally. **Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3:17-19, Hebrews 9:27, 1 Peter 1:14-19, Revelation 4:6-11**
 - Men, of themselves, since the fall, are not holy and just. With their sin of rebellion against the Lordship of God came separation from God and death as sin's consequence.
 - Men are not able to save themselves. They need God to rescue them from the consequence of their sin, which is the wrathful just judgment of a holy and just God. **Romans 3:19-20, Revelation 20:11-15**
 - The Great High Priest had to be also the Kinsman Redeemer, of the same flesh and blood, to buy us back from the death which is the wage of our sin before the wrathful just judgment of the holy and just God. **Hebrews 2:14-18, Hebrews 9:11-14, Hebrews 4:15**
 - It is absolutely certain that God will justly prosecute, judge and execute justice (eternal damnation) upon all who remain apart from Jesus Christ. **2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, Jude 1:5-7, 2 Peter 2:4-9, Matthew 25:41-46, Revelation 14:9-12, Romans 1:18-23, Romans 2:5-11**
 - "Part B -- Grace:"
 - Salvation is only by Grace through Faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. It is the result of a miraculous regeneration i.e. to be born again, from above, by God. **Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:12-13**
 - Atonement (broadest sense – propitiation and expiation), is particular, actual and eternal. It is solely the work of God. **Romans 3:21-26, Romans 5:12-19**
 - God is the Worker/Actor of our justification, regeneration, from first to last. **Ephesians 2:1-10**
 - God acts first and foremost for the sake of Himself/His Holy Name. **Isaiah 43:25, Ezekiel 36:22-38**
 - God acts graciously of His own good and sovereign pleasure.
 - Gods acts with a "steadfast loving kindness", with "new mercies every morning." Great is His faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:21-38, Romans 8:28-39, Romans 5:6-10, 1 John 4:9-11**
 - Holy Scripture is used by God's Holy Spirit to cause saving faith in Jesus Christ, as the Christ, the Son of God, the resurrection, the way, the truth and the life and the name . . . **John 20:31, Romans 10:8-13, John 11:25-27**
 - Jesus Christ had to be the Son of God and the Son of Man for His work of Salvation to be sufficient and satisfactory to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. His work was of infinite value and fully satisfied all the demands of God through the keeping and fulfilling of the letter and spirit of the Law, in its widest sense. **Colossians 1:15-20, Colossians 2:9-14**
 - The crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are of primary importance as touching every aspect of our faith, specifically the content of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**
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EXCLUSIVITY:

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**"

Acts 4:12

¹² "And **there is salvation in no one else**; for

there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

1 Timothy 2:5-6

⁵ For there is **one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,** ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,** ²⁶ **and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.** Do you believe this?"

John 6:35-40

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.** ³⁶ "But I said to you that **you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.** ³⁷ "**All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,** and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. . . . ³⁹ "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of **all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.** ⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that **everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life,** and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:44-51

⁴⁴ "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. . . . ⁴⁷ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ "I am the bread of life. . . . ⁵⁰ "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

John 15:1-6

¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. . . . ⁴ "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶ "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned."

John 8:12, John 10:7-10

GLORY:

Matthew 28:18

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

Ephesians 1:19-23

. . . ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. ¹³ He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Ephesians 1:10, Hebrews 7:26, Revelation 17:14

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