

# ADVENT

{3<sup>rd</sup> Week – Sunday, December 16, 2018 A.D.}

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## 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**
  - “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**
    - 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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## Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, **since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.** <sup>15</sup> and might free those who **through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**

<sup>16</sup> **For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.** <sup>17</sup> Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

<sup>18</sup> **For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.**

## Hebrews 9:11-14

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, **He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;** <sup>12</sup> **and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.** <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

<sup>14</sup> **how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

## Hebrews 4:15

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but **One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.**

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### Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.** <sup>16</sup> For **by Him all things were created,** both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him.** <sup>17</sup> **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.** <sup>18</sup> He is also **head of the body, the church;** and He is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead,** **so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.** <sup>19</sup> For it was the **Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,** <sup>20</sup> and through Him **to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross;** through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven .

### Colossians 2:9-14

<sup>9</sup> **For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,** <sup>10</sup> **and in Him you have been made complete,** and **He is the head over all rule and authority;** <sup>11</sup> and **in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands,** in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> **having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God,** who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> When **you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,** <sup>14</sup> **having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.**

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### 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

<sup>6</sup> For after all **it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,** <sup>7</sup> and **to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,** <sup>8</sup> **dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.** <sup>9</sup> **These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,** <sup>10</sup> when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

### Jude 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, **after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.** <sup>6</sup> And **angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,** <sup>7</sup> just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are **exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.**

### 2 Peter 2:4-9

<sup>4</sup> For **if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;** <sup>5</sup> and **did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah,** a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, **when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;** <sup>6</sup> and **if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;** <sup>7</sup> and **if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men** <sup>8</sup> (for by what he saw and heard **that** righteous man, while living among them, felt **his** righteous soul tormented day after day by **their** lawless deeds), <sup>9</sup> **then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.**

*Matthew 25:41-46, Revelation 14:9-12, Romans 1:18-23, Romans 2:5-11*