

Living Water Fellowship

2nd Sunday in Pentecost – 19th June 2022

COME TO JESUS

SONGS: *Great Are you Lord
He Knows My Name*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Romans 2:1-11

¹You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. ²And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. ³Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? ⁴Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

⁵But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honour and immortality that God offers. ⁸But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. ⁹There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. ¹⁰But there will be glory and honour and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. ¹¹For God does not show favouritism.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

BIBLE READING: Romans 3:20-28

²⁰For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. ²¹But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²²We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

FAITH CHAT:

1. What do you think is the most dangerous way to view someone else's sin? Why?
2. What's the most dangerous way to view your own sin? Why?
3. How do today's readings help you avoid those twin dangers?

THE MESSAGE: *OPERATION GOSPEL: GOSPEL RANSOM*

OFFERING SONG: *I Cannot Tell*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: GOODNESS OF GOD (MARANATHA MUSIC)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ restores you to the Father!
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *God is Good All the Time*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Romans 2:1-11 & 3:20-28. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. Read Matthew 7:2-4. What sort of judging do Jesus **AND** Paul say is not to be done? Why is that so dangerous? When have you experienced hypocrisy? What'd you do?
3. How do you address the seeming difference between vs 4 & vs 6? Is there really a difference or are the both evidence of God's grace at work to save his world from sin, death & evil? How?
4. Compare verses 7-11 with Rom 1:16. What is required for salvation? Is obedience a prerequisite to salvation or a product of it? Look at 1:5.
5. In 2:1-11, there are three standards of judgment which Paul says God uses. Can you list them? Why are these significant for what Paul will say later?
6. How would a Pharisee like Paul react to 3:20? Compare Rom 1:18-19 & 3:21. Both describe God "revealing" to us his character & human reaction to it. These are crucial verses for understanding Paul's experience of faith in Christ. See if you can describe what he outlines here...you might end up restating his understanding of the good news.
7. If you were a slave, what would the word "redemption" mean to you? If you were a Jew who yearly presented sacrifices to "postpone" God's judgment/wrath against you, what would "atonement" mean to you?
8. Rom 2 ended with Paul stating that true circumcision wasn't outward, but inward, & that being Jewish didn't help them gain righteousness. But there is an advantage to Judaism. What is it? Read the first 5 verses of Rom 3 to see if you can discern it.
9. Most people think of sin as breaking a rule. How does Paul describe sin & its effects? What do you think is the difference? How did Pastor John make that distinction?
10. According to verse 26, what is the basis for being 'justified/made right in God's sight? What do you think it means to have 'faith in Jesus'? Share with those around you how it is not just an intellectual/knowledge or assent but also a transformation of your heart that is accomplished by the Spirit at work in you.