

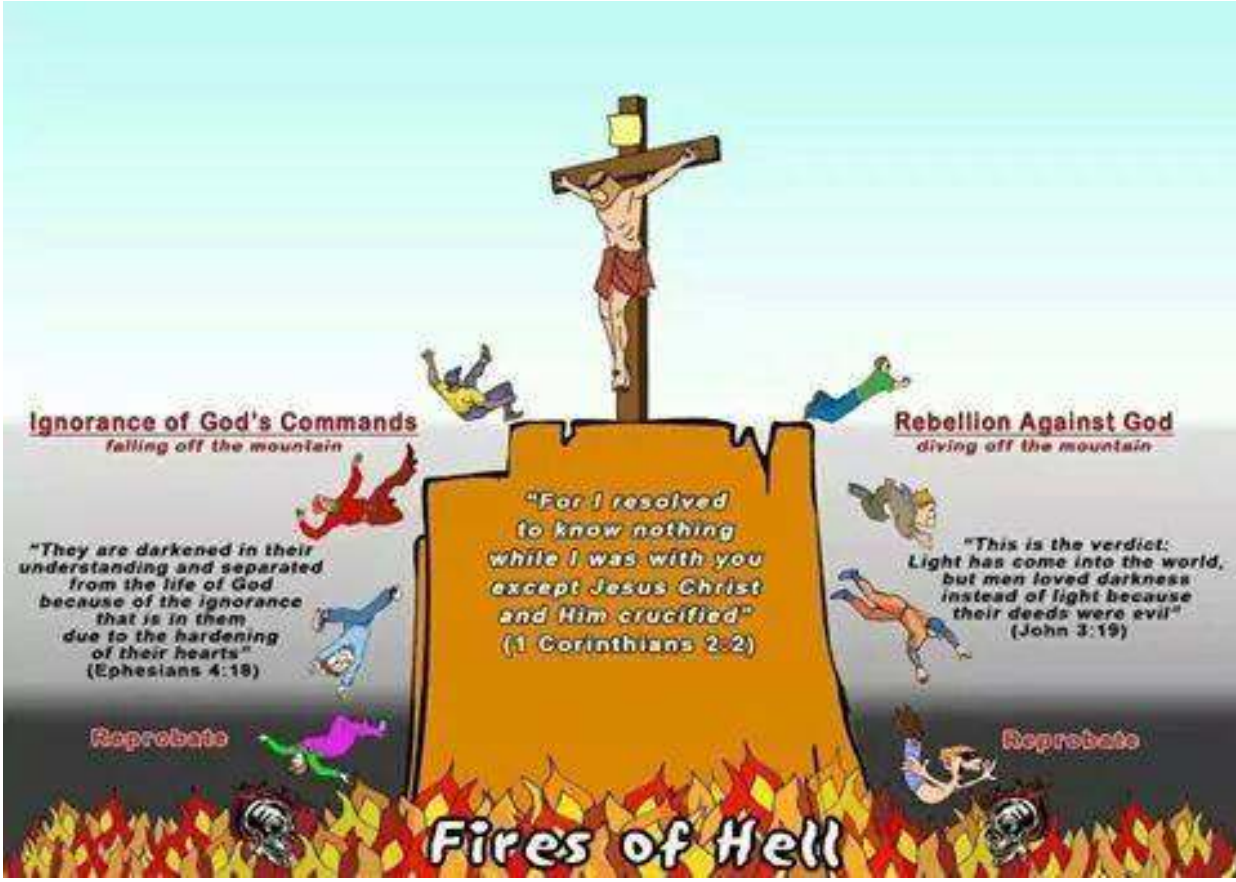
Today's Sermons

Morning: Christianity: A Three-Fold Change

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**We Extend A
Warm &
Cordial
Welcome
To All Our
Visitors!**

A Mother's Love

M.S.Lowndes

Mothers have a special way
Of saying, 'I love you',
A love that God has given them,
A love that will hold true
For Mothers sacrifice so much,
Providing for the home,
Creating there an atmosphere
That reflects God's love alone.

Happy Mother's Day!

Our High Priest

Tim Ayers

The work and ministry of Jesus was typified in so many ways in the Old Testament. One of these was in the office of High Priest. Jesus Christ is the High Priest of Christianity (Hebrews 3:1 ; 4:14). The author of Hebrews brings this out clearly in the fifth and ninth chapters of that epistle. He shows that Jesus met the qualifications and fulfilled the duties of the High Priest, especially those duties unique to the day of Atonement (Leviticus 16).

In chapter five, the qualifications of the High Priest are listed. He must be chosen among men, able to sympathize with the people who come to him for help, appointed by God, not putting himself into the office (verses 1-4). The writer shows that Jesus met these qualifications exactly, since He was a man in the flesh, tempted as we are, and appointed by God. This refutes the docetic doctrine that Jesus did not come in literal flesh. If that were true, He could not sympathize with us in our temptations and weaknesses, and so He could not be our High Priest. But the truth is that Jesus was in the flesh, and was selected from among men (1 John 1:1-3). He suffered the same temptations as we, “yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). And He was appointed by God, because God raised Him from the dead and had Him sit at His right hand (Hebrews 1:3).

Then in chapter nine of Hebrews, the writer speaks of the duties of the High Priest. He mentions some of these in 5:1-3. He points out that Jesus fulfilled these duties. First, the priest has to offer for sins, which Jesus did when He offered His own precious blood when He entered heaven, the “true tabernacle” (Hebrews 8:2 ; 9:11). Then there are the duties of the day of Atonement, the only day the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place or Holy of Holies to offer the blood of the sacrifice before the ark of the covenant, which symbolized the presence of God. Jesus entered the “greater and more perfect tabernacle” (Hebrews 9:11) “once for all” (verse 12), and He offered His own blood for the sins of mankind.

The priesthood of Jesus Christ is better and superior to the Levitical one of the Old Testament Law of Moses. And that is why, as one writer stated, “No other priest is needed, and no real want of the human soul is left unmet.” “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Why I Should Strive To Be In Every Assembly Of The Saints?

Bill Burk

1. The Lord commanded that such should be done: “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some...” (Heb. 10:24-25).

2. By doing so I put the kingdom of God first rather than social, recreational, or personal interests (Mt. 6:33; Luke 12:31).

3. By doing so I exhibit the right type of example and influence. It demonstrates where my priorities are and causes others to see how important God is in my life (Mt. 5:16).

4. By attending the services of the church I place myself in the position to be edified, uplifted and instructed. By attending the services of the church, I have the opportunity to have fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ as well as the opportunity to collectively worship God with others of like precious faith.

5. By attending the assembly of the saints, I have the opportunity to learn of the needs of my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Thus I am able to serve my brethren, which in turn blesses my life. (Acts 20:35; Gal 6:2, 10). By attending the assembly of the saints I am able to hear God’s precious Word proclaimed, which helps me throughout the week.

6. By attending the services of the saints I demonstrate to God my appreciation for things sacred and divine.

Can you imagine a husband asking his wife how often he needed to kiss her and give her attention to keep her happy? “Give me the specific amount honey, I don’t want to do anymore than I have to!” Can you imagine the wife’s response? Well how do you think God feels when we ask, “how many services do I have to attend?” THINK ABOUT IT! God does.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 17-21 – Gospel Meeting w/ David B. Smith
- May 17 – Preach & Eat
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell