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May 7-11, 2023

With Guest Speaker:
Jeff Johnson

West Jefferson Church of Christ
130 Robert Street; West Jefferson, NC 28694

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“My Beloved Son”
David P. Stevens

Three times in Scripture the heavens are pierced with the voice of God declaring the deity of His Son. The first is at the baptism of Jesus. “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17). The second is at the transfiguration of Jesus. “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him” (Matt. 17:5). The third occurs before the death of Jesus. “Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again” (John 12:28).

Who is Jesus? We make our appeal to the highest authority—God Himself—to answer. God declares that Jesus is His beloved Son. The world continues to struggle with the identity of Jesus. However, God settled the matter long ago. Unbelief does not mean there is a lack of evidence. Unbelief is a rejection of the evidence God has supplied. The word “beloved” denotes the love of the Father for the Son. It is not a warm feeling common to us earthly fathers, but love displayed in strict equality and with the intention of honoring and glorifying the Son.

The Father and the Son have the same nature. They are one. They are deity. The Father accredited the Son before men, validating His authority. God glorifies

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the Son before others of notable glory in the scheme of redemption: Moses and Elijah. God elevates the Son over them—“hear ye him.”

The Father delights in the Son and approves of Him. Nothing in the Son disappointed the Father. The Son is loved and is the object of divine favor. Every person who becomes a New Testament Christian must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. God has spoken. Do you believe?

Six Precious Things in Peter’s Epistles

Mark N. Posey

Precious means of great price or value, costly, highly esteemed or loved, dear. There are many things in this world that people count as precious. However, in Peter’s epistles, we see the word “precious” regarding greater things.

Precious Christ (1 Peter 2:7). “Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner-stone.’”

Precious Blood (1 Peter 1:18-10). “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

Precious Stone (1 Peter 2:4). “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious.”

Precious Faith (2 Peter 1:1). “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Precious Trial of Your Faith (1 Peter 1:7). “That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Precious Promises (2 Peter 1:4). “By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

Truly, the foregoing are much more precious than anything man can imagine on earth (Matthew 16:26). What do you hold as “precious”?

The Constant Transformation

Greg Weston

We rise from the waters of baptism to newness of life (Rom. 6:3, 4). At this moment we have become new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Our relationship with God has changed from aliens to children, and our transformation into the image of his Son has begun (Rom. 8:29). This transformation is a life-long change of attitude and action.

In Paul’s letter to the Colossians he spoke of this transformation when he taught them, and teaches us, to put to death specific actions and attitudes and put on the new man (Col. 3:5-16). Like many other passages in the New Testament, these words give us a pattern for life. We cannot engage in certain activities and must include others. We must reject such actions as fornication [sexual immorality], evil desire and covetousness while we grow in love, forgiveness of others and meekness. These are some of the specifics Paul has given us to follow in our lives. Read Colossians three and carefully consider your life in comparison with this pattern of life. Remember, this is not the totality of God’s pattern but is a good place to read and apply to our lives.

These specifics reflect Paul’s encouragement to the Roman saints to not be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This renewal comes from the knowledge of the will of God for our lives. To continue your transformation read the scriptures carefully and regularly. Be honest with yourself about how you are following the commands [instructions] of the Lord. Your faithfulness will please the Lord and encourage others to be faithful, as the Lord intends!

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.” (Philippians 4:4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 16 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship & Song Service
- April 30 – Prayer Service
- May 7 – Preach & Eat & 1:30 Worship Service
- May 7-11 – Gospel Meeting with Jeff Johnson
- May 14 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell