

“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
2 Timothy 2:22

The Sonrise and the Sunrise

Of all the dark days in the history of God’s people, the darkest of all were the days when the Light of the World was snuffed out on the cross.

Jesus told the disciples it would be a time to mourn (John 16:20). It would be painful like a woman in childbirth (John 16:21). As the Son of God was being murdered by His own people, suffocating to death on the cross, God sent darkness over the land for 3 hours. It was a fitting reflection of the darkness of their sin. Mary’s heart was pierced through with a sword of grief. The disciples were confused and heart-broken for days at the loss of their Master.



But on the third day, the first day of the week *“when the sun had risen”* (Mark 16:2), they found the Son had risen too! Finally! Relief from darkness! Instead of physical darkness, the sun had broken over the horizon! Instead of the gloom of the previous week, it was the first day of a new week! It was a new beginning! Instead of the darkness of being without the presence of God, angels now appear shining like lightning in dazzling white clothing, as white as sun-reflected snow (Matt. 28:2; Luke 24:4)! *“He is not here, but He has risen!”* (Luke 24:6).

The crucifixion brought grief and hopelessness; the resurrection brought hope and joy! It was the Sonrise that made the sunrise possible! It’s the resurrection that gives us all hope for new beginnings, fresh starts, new dawns every morning! Early on, Zacharias called Jesus *“the Sunrise from on high,”* who came *“to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”* (Luke 1:78-79).

Other than the new paint job, things may not seem as bright and hopeful at PSD right now. Adam is no longer preaching for us, we’ll be missing their family, we still can’t be as physically close to each other as we want to be, we still can’t meet with all our brethren, we’ll hear another hard announcement this morning at the end of services, there’s hateful rioting in the news, and our world has a long way to recover after COVID-19.

The resurrection gives us hope that the sun will rise again! The Sonrise makes every sunrise in life possible! It gives us hope to press on knowing our labor is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58), hope that the darkness is only temporary, and hope to know even if someday we reach a point where there are no more sunrises for us in this life, it will rise again in the next. *“Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon wane; for you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be over.”* (Isaiah 60:20)

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord’s Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 p.m.

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Brian Messerli 6/7/20

As long as there is _____, there is _____.

1. _____ the Tragedy

- **Jeremiah 8:18,21; Romans 9:2-3** - Anger? Confusion? Sadness? Shock?
- Their soul is in the worst possible _____ (**2 Peter 2:20-22; Hebrews 6:6**)

2. Pray

- **Romans 10:1** - Tell Him how you feel, ask for His mercy on them, seek wisdom, courage, strength, and _____. (**Romans 8:26**)

3. _____ with them in Love

- Share your feelings with them (**Galatians 1:6**)
- Ask them to help you understand _____ (**Micah 6:2-3**)
- Remind them of God's _____ (**Micah 6:4-5**)
- Warn them of God's curses (**Isaiah 1:18-20**)
- Keep the door open for them to come back

4. Don't Let them _____ You Down with Them

- **Galatians 6:1; Jude 1:23**
- The church needs to know
- Change the _____ of your contact (**1 Corinthians 5, though not fully**)
- If they start to influence you, tell someone

5. Remember _____ is Still Here

- **Galatians 6:1; Jude 1:23**
- He's still Lord and His work must go on (**Acts 1:23-25**)
- He will comfort us, strengthen us, and never _____ us. (**2 Timothy 4:16-18**)

Questions for Self-Reflection and Personal Growth

1. Are there any other practical things to do when a brother or sister falls away that wasn't mentioned in the lesson?
2. How can we listen to their story and hear them out without it dragging us down with them?
3. How do we make it clear we take their sin seriously without pushing them away forever?

Announcements

June 7th, 2020

Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church by Saturday evening so we can print them

SICK/HEALTH ISSUES:

- **Mary-Ann Rubright** is recovering well from her shoulder surgery and has a follow-up appointment this Tuesday.
- **Jack and Joy Thomas** are still recovering from their falls.
- **Geny Harrison** had blot clot filters installed and is at home recovering. She has an in-home nurse visiting her a couple times a week to check on her.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Our next **Visitor Sunday is June 28th!** Brian will preach a lesson called, "Why Trust an Ancient Book for Modern Problems?" Email invitations will be sent out later today. Printed invitations will be available to hand out next Sunday.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Terry and Veronica Petty's son **Bobby** got married yesterday to **Gaby Anderson!** Let's rejoice with the Petty family and pray for these newly weds!

SHUT-IN:

- **Anne Dickson**
- **Thurman and Lynna Davis**
- **Geny Harrison**
- **Pat Steele**
- **Peggy Hunt**
- **Patsy Holt**
- **Don Van Cleef**

Evangelism Challenge: Invite your friends and neighbors to Visitor Sunday June 28th!



Time in the Text

5 Minutes to Find God in His Word

This Week's Text: Hebrews 1:1-4

Context of Hebrews: Jewish Christians are being pressured to abandon Christ and trust the Law of Moses system for salvation. The Hebrew author (unknown) urges them not to fall away from Christ, who is better than the Old Testament system in every way.

Main Point of Hebrews 1:1-4: Jesus is greater than the Old Testament prophets, so don't abandon Him for the Old Testament. His Word is even more important to follow than the words of the OT prophets!

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

The OT prophets only had pieces of God's Word. Jesus WAS the Word! (John 1:1)

The OT prophets looked forward to the glorious "Last days;" the time of the Messiah (Isaiah 2:2-4)

Jesus is more than a prophet! He's God's Son and Creator and Sustainer of the world! (cf. Colossians 1:16)

OT prophets couldn't even look at God's glory without dying! Jesus IS God's glory, the perfect expression of His character and nature! (John 1:14)

Since angels delivered God's Word to Moses (Acts 7:53), and Jesus is greater than angels, how much more important is Jesus' word?

The PATH to God:

Praise: What in this text makes you want to praise God?

Admonition: What in this text challenges you to improve?

Thanksgiving: What in this text makes you grateful?

Hope: What in this text gives you hope for the future?

Other Helpful Notes/Observations?

Christ-Like Communication

Equipping Christians (And Our Children) for Deeper, More Selfless Conversation

Don't let conversations turn to interviews (a common habit among young people especially). If people are asking you about your life, don't just answer their questions like they're news reporters. Ask about their life in return.

"A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind."

Proverbs 18:2