

Pastor's Pen

The Lion!

"And one of the elders said to me, 'Stop crying! Behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals.'" Rev. 5:5

When we see Jesus during His earthly ministry, we see Him described as a lamb. John writes, **"On the next day, he saw Jesus coming to him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'"** Why is Jesus described as a lamb? We must go back to the Old Testament to answer that question.

When God rescued His people from Egypt, He commanded His people to slay a lamb without blemish and take the blood and place it on **"two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it" (Exodus 12:7)**. The blood of the Lamb's sacrifice would save the people from God slaying their firstborn male child.

In Exodus 29, God set up the sacrificial system and commanded that the priests would slay a lamb every morning and evening. These daily sacrifices, like all others, were to point people toward the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The Lamb's blood showed the need for a blood sacrifice to atone for man's sin. When Jesus was crucified, He became the perfect sacrifice, and His blood paid the penalty for every believer's sins. He came as a Lamb. He will return as a Lion.

The first time He came, He humbled Himself and was humiliated, reviled, and crucified at the hands of sinful men. When He returns, He will bring God's judgment upon the wicked. One reason the Jews rejected Christ is that they were looking for a conquering King, not a lamb, to take away the sins of the world. When Jesus returns, He will set up His earthly kingdom and rule with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:27). One day, Christ will return, and every knee will bend, and every head will bow. The wicked and the righteous will all bow. John MacArthur writes,

"Those who will submit to the supreme authority of Jesus Christ will comprise three groups. First will be those who are in heaven, which will include the holy angels and the saints, the redeemed believers of all ages. That heavenly group, of course, has long been worshiping Jesus Christ as Lord (cf. Heb. 1:6; 12:23; Rev. 4:8–11; 5:8–14). The second group will be those who are on earth, both redeemed and unredeemed. The redeemed will continue their worship of Him that began when they were saved. The third group who will worship the exalted Lord will be those who are under the earth, the fallen angels and unredeemed dead who are awaiting final judgment and eternal punishment."

Do you know Jesus as the Lamb who took away your sin? Is He your Lord and Savior? If not, you will face God's wrath. One of the most frightful passages in Scripture warns you what awaits if you refuse to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, **"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sits upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. Then I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them, and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds" (Rev. 20:11-13)**.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"Until you die, you will always have to wrestle with the world."
- Charles Spurgeon

Grace Gems

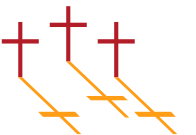
The song of the glorified has three notes in it! - Alexander Smellie

"And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation! You have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth!" Revelation 5:9-10

The song of the glorified has three notes in it:

1. There is the note of Redemption. You purchased me with Your blood. Jesus ransomed me — the slave of sin, of frailty and futility, of dark despair! And not by a mere act of sovereignty and might. No — but by breaking the alabaster vase of His unblemished body for me, and by pouring forth the costly ointment of His blood. It will be the theme of my praise through the unending years of eternity!
2. There is the note of Royalty. "You have made us kings!" O wondrous thought to quicken the torpid pulses of my soul! I will sit down with Him on His own throne, and He will share His great empire with me!
3. There is the note of Consecration. "You have made us priests!" I am, through Jesus Christ my Lord, a white-robed, white-souled worshiper, thanking and adoring God, offering to Him the incense of prayer, presenting to Him continually the sacrifice of my praise, lifting up holy hands in ceaseless intercession!

Jesus has done it all! **"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Revelation 5:12**



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday
Women of Grace | 9AM
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA



Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
All Family Groups will resume on
September 19, 2024



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and need to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address on the back of this bulletin.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study; AWANA & Surge!



Service Times

Sunday Services 10:30AM
Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church @11:00AM



Giving from service on 08/25/2024

General Offering \$10,810.19
Building Fund \$2,210.75
Uganda Missions \$420.00

Total.....\$13,440.94
Attendance 212
Online25

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