UPCOMING

 Fellowship Meal, Sunday September 29 following morning worship

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Rick Carlberg

Communion Preparation

September - Potts October -November -

Birthday / Anniversary

Camden Cooper - 1st Dwight Callens - 9th Bostyn Rowell - 10th Aubri Cooper - 15th

Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell

Scripture Reading - Micah 6:1 - 8

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Dwight Callens

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - Mark 14:17 - 25

Closing Prayer - Michael Mundt



W E L C O M E

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

Psalms Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

Singing Night // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

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The Necessity Of Law!

By Mike Riley

The New Testament confirms the importance of comprehending our own sinfulness. In the book of Romans, Paul spends three chapters (Romans 1:18-32; Romans 2; Romans 3) declaring the sinfulness of all men (Romans 3:23) before thoroughly discussing the way of salvation.

Law is essentially a "tutor" (Gal. 3:24) of the receptive heart, given to teach the utter need for God's saving grace (Ephesians 2:1-8). Without law and its penalty (1 John 3:4; Romans 6:23), grace is meaningless. And without man's understanding of the reality and gravity of sin in his life, there can be no redemption.

We have no business preaching grace to people who do not understand the implications of God's law. It is meaningless to expound upon grace to someone who does not know the divine demand for righteousness (Romans 6:13,16,18,19). Mercy cannot be understood without a corresponding grasp of one's own guilt (Psalm 51:1-4; Isaiah 59:12-13). The gospel (good news) of grace cannot be properly preached to someone who has not heard that God requires obedience (Romans 1:5; Romans 6:17; Romans 16:26; 2 Corinthians 10:5), and that He punishes every disobedience (2 Corinthians 10:6; Hebrews 2:2).

Isn't it amazing how so many preachers and teachers of God's word today want to convince the world that we are not under any kind of law to God? We are indeed under law to God today! In fact, there could be no such thing as "sin" without law (1 John 3:4). Today, we are under "the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2); "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25); "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:2); and "the law of faith" (Romans 3:27). The words in these passages would not have been used to describe it (law), were it not of legal standing with man.

Since sin is clearly "the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), we must admit that either we are under law today, or that we can never commit sin!

The Answer Is "Above" Us

By Mike Riley

The following is a description of three kinds of creatures that give us insight into life's struggles and problems:

A Buzzard

If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

A Bat

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash!

A Bumblebee

A bumblebee if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the "top", but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

Conclusion

In many ways, there are lots of brethren like the buzzard, the bat, and the bee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that the answer is right there... "Above" them (Colossians 3:1-2).