

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

January 26, 2020

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-19

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *Just What the Doctor Ordered!* (Acts 5:34-42)

Announcements:

Pastor Kurth's hernia surgery seems to have gone well. I thank you for your prayers.

Adult Sunday School Teacher Dave Stewart will begin teaching *Ephesians* sometime in early February.

Our videographer Jeremy Bilka reports that views of our messages have topped 50,000. That's a lot of people being exposed to the truth! And our audio messages have been online for many more years than our videos!

Midweek Bible Study: Wednesday at 7, but call Steve first.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone
Acts 5:29-33 *It Was Time To Break The Law!*

When the law commands believers to do something that is contrary to what God says (Acts 5:27,28), we are to stand with Peter and obey God rather than men (v.29), like the 3 Hebrews did in Daniel 3.

God's people must always obey the law, even in the Tribulation when the devil makes *the Antichrist* the law (Rev. 13:1,2). We know God will expect His people to obey the Antichrist because while Paul's epistles are written to us, the epistles that come *after* Paul's epistles in the Bible are written to *the people* who will come after us, the Jews in the Tribulation. And in one of those epistles, Peter tells them to obey the king (IPe.2:13-17).

At first it will be easy to obey the Antichrist, for he will rebuild their temple and protect them from their enemies. But when he declares himself God (IIThes.2:3,4) and the false prophet erects an image of him and demands it be worshipped (Rev.13:11-15), they will have to obey God's command against worshipping graven images rather than men.

God "raised up" Jesus (Acts 5:30) to be Israel's king in the same way He raised up *David* to be their king (Acts 13:21,22). Peter says they hung the Lord on a "tree" instead of saying a *cross* in reference to Deuteronomy 21:22, which says men hung on trees are cursed. In quoting that verse, Paul says Christ *redeemed us* from that curse (Gal.3:13). And the tree of Exodus 15:25 was a type of Christ!

God "exalted" the Lord (Acts 5:31), and *exalt* means to *raise high* or *elevate* someone, as it does in Isaiah 52:13. Verse 14 talks about how the Jews brought the Lord low by beating Him before the cross, described in the next chapter (Isaiah 53:5,6,12). The "therefore" of Acts 2:32,33 means that the Jews also brought the Lord low by killing Him, but God exalted Him by raising Him from the dead.

Now if you think exalting Him to be “a prince” wasn’t exalting Him very highly, it’s because we think a prince is below a king. But the word *prince* often means *the sovereign of all*, as when the Lord is called “the prince of the kings of the earth” (Rev.1:5 cf. I Tim.6:15). That’s what the Lord would have been exalted to become if the dispensation of the mystery hadn’t interrupted prophecy.

It used to be that Israel’s king couldn’t be a priest. Saul lost his kingdom offering a sacrifice. But Christ will be a priest and a king (Zech.6:12,13), a prince and a savior (Acts 5:31).

Jews looked for a Savior to save them *from their enemies* as well as from their sins (Lu.1:68-75), but the Lord knew He couldn’t do one without the other and still be *a just God* and a Savior (Is.45:21). Rome had conquered them because of their sins (cf. Lev.26:14,17), *so someone had to pay for their sins* before He could save them from their enemies.

In the past, God had *other nations* pay for Israel’s sins (Isa.43:3). When Assyria threatened Israel, God caused Assyria’s king to hear a rumor that those other nations were attacking Syria (II Ki.19:6-9), and so he left Israel alone and attacked them instead!

But when Israel didn’t let their land rest every 7th year (Lev.25:4) for 490 years, God let them be conquered by Babylon for 70 years to give their land the 70 years of rest it missed (Lev. 26:27,33,34; II Chron. 36:20,21). In other words, God made *the Jews themselves* pay for their sins that time.

When they were captives in Rome, God had *His own Son* pay their ransom (Mt.20:28). Peter didn’t understand that yet here in Acts 5, nor that He planned to ransom the Gentiles too, so He could be a just God and a Savior to them as well (Rom.3:24-27). That wasn’t revealed *until Paul* (I Tim.2:5-7). Repentance was being given *to the Jews* in Acts 5:31, but not to the Gentiles till after Paul was saved (Acts 11:18).

The Holy Spirit witnessed to the Jews (Acts 5:32) by the miracles He was empowering the apostles to do (5:12-16). Now you’d think the Jews would listen to the witness *of the Holy Spirit of God*, but they sought to kill the apostles instead (Acts 5:33).

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.
Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Assistant Pastor Steve Schwieger

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