

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

November 17, 2019

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5:17-28

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *A Man Like Moses* (Acts 3:22-26)

Blest Be the Tie

Announcements:

Pete Ochoa went home to be with the Lord last Wednesday. Funeral Services will be today from 1-4 at the *Smits Funeral Home*, 2121 Pleasant Springs Lane, Dyer, Indiana. Pastor Kurth will give the message at 2:30.

Last Sunday we took an offering for Pete and his family. If you missed this offering and would like to help them, you can give at the funeral or someone can take your gift to them.

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 3:17-21 *Murder or Manslaughter?*

“Wot” (3:17) means to *know* (Gen.21:26). But where'd Peter get the idea the Jews didn't know what they were doing when they killed the Lord? *From the Lord!* (Lu.23:34). They *could* have known they were crucifying their God, the prophets described Him so well, *but they didn't*. So Peter reduced the charge against Israel from murder to manslaughter (cf. Deut. 19:4-6). Murderers had to die (Num.35:16) but manslayers could flee to a city of refuge (35:10-30).

Israel's people didn't know He was God *because they didn't know their Bibles* (John 7:25-27 cf. Micah 5:2). Israel's rulers didn't know He was their Christ because He was from Galilee, and they thought no prophet could come from Galilee (John 7:52). But Jonah did (Jonah 1:1 cf. II Ki.14:25 cf. Josh.19:1316 cf. Mt.4:15).

If rulers sinned through ignorance, *they too* could be spared (Lev.4:22ff), and if *the whole congregation* sinned through ignorance, the priest could offer a sacrifice for them as well (Lev.4:13).

Peter said that *God* fulfilled the prophets in killing the Lord (Acts 3:18) because in early Acts here God was assuming responsibility for their guilt. That's how He could offer this manslaughter charge. But when they *rejected* His offer, Acts 13:27 says that *the Jews* fulfilled the prophets in killing Him. That's similar to how God imputed our sins to Christ on the cross (II Cor5:19), but will impute them back to unbelievers if they don't get saved (cf. Rom.4:8).

“Ye” (Acts 3:19) is plural. Peter offered salvation to individual Jews in Acts 2:38, but here he is offering salvation to *the nation*. Remember, the nation of Israel had to be saved before God's plan to reach the other nations could continue (Acts 1:8), because God planned to *use* Israel to reach the Gentiles, and He insists His representatives be saved.

As further proof the nation needed to be saved, when the nation *didn't* get saved, Paul reminded them that Isaiah had *predicted* that the nation wouldn't get saved (Acts 28:24-27).

Paul also told them what God was doing about it, *turning to the Gentiles* (28:27,28). See that word “convert” in Acts 28:28? That’s what Peter was asking the Jews to do in Acts 3:19, but they *didn’t* repent.

Peter is *still* talking to the nation when he extends God’s offer to blot out their sins (Acts 3:19). That’s what *individuals* get when they get saved. If they don’t, *their sins aren’t blotted out or covered* (Neh.4:5), but if they do, their sins *are* covered (Rom.4:7). But God dealt with Israel *as a nation*, and the nation won’t get *their* sins blotted out until “the times of refreshing” come (Acts 3:19), i.e., the kingdom.

We see types of this when God forgave Israel every time they fell (Num.14:19). If they sinned so badly that God let them be taken captive, they were to “repent” and He would forgive them (I Ki. 8:46-50). They didn’t repent in Peter’s day, when they were in captivity to Rome, but they’ll be in captivity *again* after the Rapture, this time to the antichrist. If they’ll “repent” in that day (Acts 3:19) God will forgive the nation. We see a type of that when they repented during the Babylonian captivity (Ps.85:1,2).

But before the kingdom can come, something else had to come first. Peter was speaking on the day of Pentecost, but the feast of the Day of Atonement *followed* Pentecost. That didn’t stand for Christ’s death; Passover stood for that. The Day of Atonement stood for the day Israel would get *the benefit* of Christ’s death. *We* get that benefit when we believe (Rom.5:1,11), but Israel won’t get that as a nation *until they believe as a nation*. When will that happen? At the Second Coming of Christ (Rom.11:26,27).

The kingdom is called “the times of refreshing” due to verses like Isaiah 35:1-10 and Zechariah 14:20. The heaven “received” the Lord (Mark 16:19) and will continue to receive Him “until” then (Acts 3:20,21). “Restitution” (v.21) means to restore what’s lost. Adam lost the right to live in paradise on earth, but the Lord will restore man’s right to do that. All the prophets spoke about this (Acts 3:21), but none of them spoke about God taking us to heaven in the rapture. That was part of the mystery given to Paul (Rom.16:25).

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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.

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