

**BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH: GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**BELIEVING JESUS THE CHRIST: 33. MESSAGE ADVANCING**  
**MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

KEY TEXT: JOHN 17:20-26

INTRODUCTION:

-early in John's Gospel, we learn that Jesus is the Christ, the S \_\_\_\_\_ of the World (John 4:42); now Jesus prays, having finished the w \_\_\_\_\_, and made d \_\_\_\_\_: now he prays concerning their m \_\_\_\_\_

I/ THE GOSPEL CONFESSION: John 17:20-21, 25-26

1. Its Content: What the Disciples Believed, and Will Preach: 17:20-21, 23, 25

a) declaration: that the Father s \_\_\_\_\_ the Son: He is from a \_\_\_\_\_: see 3:34; 5:36; 8:18

-Heaven bears w \_\_\_\_\_ that only in Jesus is there l \_\_\_\_\_; only He opens the w \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father

b) disputation: the World refuses to believe the Father sent the Son: 5:23; 7:28-29; 10:36; 13:20; 15:21

-to believe this destroys human p \_\_\_\_\_; those who are not His s \_\_\_\_\_ do not f \_\_\_\_\_ Him

c) discipleship: 5:23-24, 37-38; 6:29; 11:42; 12:44-45

-the work God wants of us in 6:29 is to b \_\_\_\_\_ that the Father sent the Son

2. Its Compulsion: 17:25-26: John draws attention to the t \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, the reason he wrote: 3:34;

7:16; 8:16, 26; 12:49; 14:24; 20:30-31; this results in e \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_: 3:17; 6:39-40, 44, 57; 17:3

II/ THE GROWING COMMUNION: John 17:21-23

1. Believing The Message: the Foundation

-this c \_\_\_\_\_ that the Father sent the Son is at the root of the c \_\_\_\_\_

-Jesus shows us that we can know the T \_\_\_\_\_, and that it matters: His disciples are l \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord

2. Building The Church: (compare 1 John 1; Ephesians 1:9-11; 2:13-18; 3:9-12; Colossians 1:14-21)

a) the Form – U \_\_\_\_\_: people of diverse backgrounds and interests being brought together on the basis that the Father sent the Son, and all that entails in the Gospel: this brings f \_\_\_\_\_

b) the Function – F \_\_\_\_\_ (the world will know what it does not now know): God's people are e \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth of the Gospel: see also John 13:34-35

III/ THE GLORIOUS CONSUMMATION: John 17:24

1. Jesus' Desire: We Shall See His Glory – and share in it: Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Colossians 3:1-4

• I \_\_\_\_\_ glory: will never exhaust our searching of it

• I \_\_\_\_\_ glory: we will also never tire of worship

• I \_\_\_\_\_ glory: seeing *Him* in His glory, and sharing it – that will be glory for me! Psalm 17:15

2. Jesus' Declaration: We Have Seen His Glory – as of the only begotten of the Father: John 1:14-18

-but here is the point of studying John's Gospel, as John 1:14 noted: glory has already started! We have seen His glory full of g \_\_\_\_\_ and t \_\_\_\_\_; John 5:24 notes that those who trust Jesus have already passed from death to life

## **LORD'S TABLE DEVOTIONS: RECONCILED THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

KEY TEXTS: Romans 6:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Ephesians 2:11-22; Colossians 1:19-23

### INTRODUCTION:

-salvation is designed to meet all the damage caused by sin:

- guilty as law-breakers, we are under God's just wrath: we must be *justified by faith*, and thus declared righteous
- enslaved by sin, serving lusts and desires, we must be *redeemed by His blood*, and thus set free
- hostile to God – and He to us, in just judgment – we must be *reconciled to God*, and thus at peace with Him

### I/ THE MEANS OF RECONCILIATION

1. Sacrifice: “by the death of His Son”, Romans 5:10

- along with Romans 3:31-36, 5:9-11 weaves together redemption, justification, propitiation and reconciliation; the whole of salvation rooted in the cross; sacrifice removes the sin that separates us from God, or there can be no peace
- among the points Paul wants to underline is the initiative of God; we are the sinning party: that God takes the initiative is a demonstration of unspeakable love

2. Substitute: “made sin for us”, 2 Corinthians 5:21

- closely linked to the idea of sacrifice is the idea of substitute, to which Paul explicitly appeals here; Christ made sin for us (who knew no sin) that we might be made righteous in Him

3. “Slaying the Enmity”: “in one body by the cross”, Ephesians 2:16

- this text focuses much more on the reconciliation amongst believers from different, warring backgrounds (Jew and Gentile in that context) as rooted in the cross; compare Acts 15 and Galatians 1-2
- the cross killed the enmity between *us* as well as between us and God, making possible the “one new body”, the church

4. Sanctified: “in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy...”, Colossians 1:22

- this text is especially noting the alienation caused by wicked works (1:21); the fruit of reconciliation in this case is to remove the filth of sin (to sanctify, make holy, unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight)
- note the universal aspect (compare Romans 8:18-25): everything reconciled to God in Christ: a new creation

### II/ THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

1. Praise and Persuasion: Romans 5:9-11 (compare Romans 8:31-34)

- the “hard part” of dealing with sin is accomplished in Christ; ultimate salvation from wrath in Christ certainly follows
- this being the case, we are (should be) absolutely convinced of the “everlasting love” of God that persuades us that our hope will never make ashamed (5:5) – we *shall be saved by His life* if we are “in Christ”; we *have peace with God!*
- so the Christian faith establishes a relationship with God characterized by peace (5:1), love (5:8) and joy (5:11)

2. Proclaiming Peace: 2 Corinthians 5: 18-21

- that reconciliation is rooted in substitution underlines that we are not right with God by nature; only in Christ is anyone a new creation: so be reconciled to God! Do not receive God's grace in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1)

3. People for the Lord: Ephesians 2:13-22

- being reconciled to God in this text underlines the community aspect: we are being formed into one people: compare Titus 2:14: the ancient purpose is that God will be our God, and we His people to show forth His glory (Ephesians 3:20-21)
- those far off and those near (Gentile and Jew) receive the same proclamation of peace: both of them are in need of it!
- now being one in Christ, we serve as God's Temple where the Spirit dwells: how God makes Himself known in all the earth, showing the “unsearchable riches of Christ” and the “manifold wisdom of God” (see Eph.3:1-13)

4. Perseverance: Colossians 1:19-23

- the blood shed on the cross is designed to make us clean, so that we are made appropriate for His presence (Col. 1:9-14)
- the implication here is perseverance; continue in the faith! Do not let go, and do not let anyone move you away from Christ! The only hope worthy of the name is the hope of the Gospel