



A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

·We begin with some rather gloomy news:

·Romans 3:10

There is none righteous,
no, not one:

3:11 There is none that understands,
there is none that seek after God.

3:12 They are all gone out of the way,
they are together unprofitable;
there is none that does good,
no, not one.

Isaiah 59:2

Your wrongs have separated you from your God, and your sins have made him hide his face so that he doesn't hear you.

59:3 Your hands are stained with blood, and your fingers are stained with sin. You speak lies, and you mutter wicked things.

Noah-drunk
(**Genesis 9:20-21**)

Abraham-lied
(**Genesis 12:13**)

David-Murder & Adultery
(**2 Samuel 11**)

- Lot-lived in Sodom
(offered his daughters
to the men of Sodom)
(**2 Peter 2:7**)

- Rahab – The Harlot
(**Hebrews 11:31**)

- Samson - promiscuous
(**Hebrews 11:22**)

- Moses-murder
(Exodus 2:12)
- Jacob-Deceiver
(Genesis 27:36)

- **Saul (Paul) – Murder**
(Acts 7)
- **Peter- Denied the Lord**
(John 18)
- **Peter played the hypocrite,**
rebuked by Paul.
(Galatians 2:11)
- **John Mark- defected on**
1st missionary journey.
(Acts 15:38)

• Simon the Sorcerer

Acts 8

- Simon was guilty of attempting to buy “gift of Holy Spirit” to which he was not entitled.

- **Matthew 1:21** (ASV)

- **And she shall bring forth a son;
and you shalt call his name
JESUS; for it is he that shall
save his people from their sins.**

- **Isaiah 43:25** (ASV)

- **I am he that blotts out
their transgressions...
and I will not remember their sins.**

• **1 Corinthians 6:9**

Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

**Be not deceived: neither fornicators,
nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor
effeminate, nor abusers of themselves
with mankind,**

**6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous,
nor drunkards, nor revilers,
nor extortioners,
shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

- **1Corinthians 6:11**

- **And such were some of you:**
 - **but you are washed,**
 - **but you are sanctified,**
 - **but you are justified**
- **in the name of the Lord Jesus,**
- **and by the Spirit of our God.**

- **Ephesians 5:25**

Christ also **loved**
the church,
and **gave himself** for it;

- **5:26** That he might
sanctify and **cleanse it**
with the washing of water
by the word,

- **Ephesians 5:27**

**That he might present it
to himself**

- **a glorious church,**

- **not having spot,**

- **or wrinkle,**

- **or any such thing;**

- **but that it should**

be holy and without blemish.

- How then do we
(the church)
reach such an exalted state?
- 1 The first is the love of Christ.
He "loved the Church."
- 2. The next is the sacrifice of Christ.
He "gave Himself for it."
- 3. The third means of our sanctification
is the Word of God.
"The washing of water,"
is "by the Word."
(**Ephesians 5:25-26**)

• **Psalms 94:11**

Jehovah knows
the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.

• **But we have great news!**

• **1 Timothy 1:15**

‘**Christ Jesus came**
into the world
to save sinners!

• John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on him

- should not perish,
- but have eternal life.

3:17 For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him.

• Genesis 1:26

And God said,
Let us make man
in our image,
after our likeness:

- There is that in us
which is
independent of
space and time.

• Man is spirit and God is Spirit.

- This it is which makes us capable of communion with God Himself.

- This it is which makes prayer possible,

- And thanksgiving possible,

- And worship possible,

• Leveticus 20:7

Sanctify yourselves....,

and be ye holy:

for I *am* the

LORD your God.

• Exodus 31:13

I am the Lord

who makes you holy

David praised the Creator
for his loving-kindness because:
“**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our
transgressions from us**”
(**Psalms 103:12**).

The good king Hezekiah
thanked the Lord
for his redemption, proclaiming that
“**you have thrown all my sins
behind your back**”
(**Isaiah 38:17**).

• **Psalm 85:2**

You **forgave** the iniquity
of your people;
you **covered** all their sin.

• Therefore
consequences
are no longer an issue!

Blessed Are the Forgiven

Psalms 32:1

**Happy are those
whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.**

**32:2 Happy is the one whom
the LORD does
not accuse of doing wrong...**

Blessed Are the Forgiven

Psalms 32:4

**Day and night
you punished me, LORD;
my strength was completely drained,
as moisture is
dried up by the summer heat.**

**32:5 Then I confessed
my sins to you;
I did not conceal my wrongdoings.
and you forgave all my sins.**

- **Ephesians 5:27**

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- **but that it should
be holy and without blemish.**

- A drop of dew will not hold the sun,
but it can reflect its light.
- So we can **reflect** the light of the Son.

- **Matthew 5:14**

Ye are **the light** of the world.

A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- It is not a glorious Church in the eyes of the world and like our Lord, **"despised and rejected of men"**:
 - but it is glorious **in the eyes of the Lord.**

- Its glory is obscured now.
- The lilies grow among thorns;
- The tares grow among the wheat.
 - But, God will present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

- **Jude 1:24**

**Now, to the One
who is able to:**

- **keep you from falling**
- **and to help you
be spotless
before His glory,**

- Three times

in the New Testament

praise is given

to the God

who is able.

(Jude 1:24)

- **In Romans 16:25**

Paul gives praise
to the God

who is able

to strengthen us.

- In Ephesians 3:20

- Paul gives praise to the God who is able to do far more than we can ever ask or even dream of.
- He is the God whose grace no man has every exhausted.

Jude says:

God is able

to keep us from slipping.

- It is a term used of a sure-footed horse.
- **"He will not let your foot be moved,"**
(Psalms 121:3).
- In mountaineering climbers are roped together so that even if the inexperienced climber should slip,
the skilled mountaineer
can take his weight and save him.
- **When we bind ourselves to God,**
he keeps us safe.

- **Jude says:**
God can make us stand **blameless**
in the presence of his glory.
- The word for blameless
is a sacrificial word;
- And it is used of an animal
which is without spot or blemish
and is therefore fit to be offered to God.
- The amazing thing is that
when we submit ourselves to God,
his grace can make our lives
nothing less than a sacrifice
fit to offer to him.

- **Jude says:**

God can bring us
into his presence

”faultless and with exceeding joy”

- Sadly, most people think
of entering into His Presence
with **fear** and **shame**.

- Through Jesus Christ,
God the stern Judge
has become known to us
as God the loving Father.

- **All of God's promises**
are on a solid foundation.

- **2Timothy 2:19**

**The foundation of God
stands sure,**

having this seal,

**The Lord knows them that
are His.**

- **How did we miss it?**

- **God's Steadfast Love and Compassion**

- **Micah 7:18** (ESV)

**Who is a God like you,
pardoning iniquity**

and passing over transgression

**He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.**

- **7:19** **He will again have compassion...;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.**

**You will cast all our sins into
the depths of the sea.**

- At the Transfiguration
in Luke 9
we find Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

- Since God forgives
His O.T. Prophets
will he not do as much for us?

- Hebrews 8:6
He is the mediator of
a better covenant,
which has been enacted upon
better promises.

- Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful
to their unrighteousness,
and their sins and their
iniquities
will I remember no more.

- Meaning:

They won't be brought up
on Judgment Day.
(Romans 8:1)

- Isaiah 55:7-9 (ASV)

- 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him..., for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 - We find it hard to believe that God should be so gracious.

- **Romans 8:1**

**There is therefore now
no condemnation
to them which are in
Christ Jesus, who walk
not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit.**

- These words are the standing-point —the foundation—of his whole discussion:
 - **‘No condemnation for those who are in Christ.’**
- And then when he has gone through his exposition he comes back to his starting-point and repeats it over and over again.

- ‘Who is there to lay anything to the charge of God’s elect?’

- He asks,
‘**Who is there to condemn?’**

- **‘I am persuaded that**
 - **neither death,**
 - **nor life,**
 - **nor angels,**
 - **nor principalities,**
 - **nor powers,**
 - **nor height,**
 - **nor depth,**
 - **nor any other creature,**
- **shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.’**

- **1John 1:7**

If we walk in the light,
as he is in the light ...
the blood of Jesus Christ his Son
cleanses us from all sin.

- **1:9** If we **confess** our sins,
he is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.

- **Ephesians 5:27**

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- Now we read Revelation 12:9-10 in reverse order.

- **Revelation 12:10**

**And I heard a loud voice
saying in heaven,**

- **Now is come salvation,**

- **and the kingdom of our God,**

- **and the power of his Christ:**

- **for the accuser of our brethren**

- **is cast down,**

- **which accused them before our God
day and night.**

- **Revelation 12:9**

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world:

- **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

- **Think**
On These Things
(Philippians 4:8)

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17

