

Morning Worship

June 9, 2019

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ ---

Worship Leader — Romey Keith Davis

Piano — Alva Lou Schottel

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

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Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Scripture Reading	Romey Keith Davis
Hymn # 595 <i>Send the Light</i>	Romey/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Hymn # 606 <i>I Gave My Life for Thee</i>	Romey/People
Offering Prayer	Bill Schottel
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Alva Lou Schottel
Hymn # 577 <i>The Old Ship of Zion</i>	Romey/People
Hymn # 579 <i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i>	Romey/People
Special Music	
Children's Worship	(Children are dismissed)
Message	Allan Lane
Hymn # 312 <i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	Romey/People
Prayer Concerns	Allan/People
Closing Chorus # 178 <i>He is Lord</i>	Romey/People

Believing in Jesus

John 1:1-14

We've been asking the question, "Does it matter what you believe?" When it comes to our Savior, there are more opinions about Jesus than we have time to share on a Sunday morning. While He is recognized in several different religions as a prophet, most do not see Him any greater than any other prophet. Some see Him as human but not divine. Other see Him as deity but not human. Still, there are those who see Him as a teacher and leader of men, but not God. These teachings are not in agreement with what the Bible has to say. In our text there are two great truths established as they relate to Jesus Christ.

1. The Divinity of the Word.

a. Existed in Eternity.

Have you ever read or heard this first phrase before, "In the beginning...?" If you read your Bible you find it is the first phrase in the entire Bible in the book of Genesis. It is the opening declaration of creation. Let's compare two verses: Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1.

In both places it clearly means before creation, before the world was made, when as yet there was nothing. In our text the meaning is: that the "Word" had an existence before the world was created. That is, before anything was formed -- before God began the great work of creation, there was the Word. The Word is therefore an uncreated being who existed in eternity. Therefore, needs to be cleared up this morning as to the identity of the "Word" that is mentioned in our Scripture reading. We know this: this name is given to him who afterward became "flesh," or was incarnate John 1:14 - that is, to the Messiah. Whatever is meant by it, therefore, is applicable to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus "logos" is the name that is applied to Jesus Christ. He is the living word whose name we find in the pages of the written word. What does John tell us about the Word and how does it establish the divinity of Jesus Christ? Second, John tells us that the Word (Jesus Christ) has:

b. Equality of Fellowship.

"...the Word was with God..." One commentary translates as follows: "having a conscious personal existence distinct from God (as one is from the person he is "with"), but inseparable from Him and associated with Him. Read John 1:18, John 17:5, and 1 John 1:2.

Paul makes it clear when he writes to the church at Philippi that the Word (Jesus Christ) existed in eternity and that He was equal with God (Philippians 2:6).

Next, John states that the Word (Jesus Christ) is the:

c. Essence of Divinity.

The next thing we learn is that the Word (Jesus Christ), was God, not a subordinate to God but the very essence of God. God is the logos and the logos is God, not the second to God but Jehovah the absolute God. The divinity of Jesus Christ is one of the most well established doctrines in the Bible.

Jesus claimed this designation for Himself and it is reinforced and repeated throughout the New Testament.

"He is not made a God, as he is said here after to be made flesh; nor constituted or appointed a God, or a God by office; but truly and properly God, in the highest sense of the word, as appears from the names by which he is called; as Jehovah, God, our, your, their, and my God, God with us, the mighty God, God over all, the great God, the living God, the true God, and eternal life; and from his perfections, and the whole fullness of the Godhead that dwells in him, as independence, eternity, immutability, omnipresence, omniscience, and omnipotence; and from his works of creation and providence, his miracles, the work of redemption, his forgiving sins, the resurrection of himself and others from the dead, and the administration of the last judgment; and from the worship given him, as prayer to him, faith in him, and the performance of baptism in his name..." (from John Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible)

Listen to the words of C.S. Lewis, from *Mere Christianity*:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic -- on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg --

or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Jesus is either a lunatic, a liar or He is Lord. Why is this important? It is important because for anyone to be saved they must believe that Jesus Christ is God, the son of the living God but more than that, He is God Himself (1 John 5:4, 12). That's why it is important that we believe the truth about Jesus.

2. The Humanity of the Word.

The second great truth about Jesus this morning is His humanity. Let's review what we have already learned about His divinity.

1. Before creation, Jesus (the Word) existed.
2. He (the Word) was with God in equal fellowship.
3. He (the Word) is God in His very essence.

John has said all this we believe to refute several false teachings about Jesus. There are many false teachers about today. We are warned that the antichrist will teach something about Jesus Christ that is false (1 John 4:3 2 John 1:7). John declares that this Word (the logos) became flesh.

John does not here say that the Logos entered into a man or dwelt in a man or filled a man (John 1:14). John is here referencing the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. When we consider this important doctrine it is critical that we understand that Jesus is absolutely unique in that we believe that he is both God and man, that he is divine and human. This dualism of nature is not found anywhere or with anyone else in the universe (Hebrews 2:14, 1 Timothy 3:16).

Let's look at just a few things that we know about the humanity of Jesus:

a. Addressed as a man.

There should be no controversy about the humanity of Christ just based on the fact that Jesus was called a man (1 Timothy 2:5, Romans 5:15). Jesus was called man, because He was a man, but there is even more indisputable proof for the humanity of Christ. He also possessed the ...

b. Attributes of a man.

Whereas His divinity had no beginning, His humanity had a definite beginning. We see this in His birth (Luke 1:31, Galatians 4:4). Jesus of Nazareth had the common attributes of a man--He slept, got thirsty, ate food, died physically, was born of a human mother, etc. The reason why He did all of those things is because He was a man (Matthew 8:24, John 19:28, Mark 11:12).

c. Actions as a man.

The last thing for us to mention about the humanity of Jesus is that He died a physical death. Jesus had the weight of the world on His shoulders. Even before the crucifixion began, He clearly had physical symptoms associated with severe stress. The night before the execution, His disciples reported seeing Jesus in "agony" on the Mount of Olives. Not only did He not sleep all night, but He seems to have been sweating profusely. So great was the stress that tiny blood vessels were rupturing in

His sweat glands and emitting as great red drops that fell to the ground (Luke 22:44). This symptom of severe stress is called hematohidrosis.

Jesus was physically exhausted and in danger of going into shock unless He received fluids, which He apparently did not. This is the man that the Roman soldiers tortured. The beatings administered by Roman soldiers are well known to be very bloody, leaving lacerations all over the body. Romans designed their whips to cut the flesh from their victim's bodies. These beatings were designed to be painful to the extreme. It would also cause a fluid buildup around His lungs. In addition, a crown of thorns was forced into His scalp that was capable of severely irritating major nerves in his head, causing increasing and excruciating pain, as the hours wore on.

In Christ's severely stressed condition, these beatings were easily enough to kill Him. His body was horribly bruised, cut and bleeding. Having had no nourishment for many hours, and having lost fluids through profuse sweating and much bleeding, Jesus would have been severely dehydrated. This brutal torture would certainly be sending Him into what doctors' call "shock," and shock kills.

In addition, Jesus was forced to carry the wooden beam on which He would die. Imagine the effect of carrying a heavy weight if you were in that condition. Hung completely naked before the crowd, the pain and damage caused by crucifixion were designed to be so devilishly intense that one would continually long for death, but could linger for days with no relief.

According to Dr. Frederick Zugibe, piercing of the median nerve of the hands with a nail can cause pain so incredible that even morphine won't help, "severe, excruciating, burning pain, like lightning bolts traversing the arm into the spinal cord." Rupturing the foot's plantar nerve with a nail would have a similarly horrible effect.

Furthermore, the position of the body on a cross is designed to make it extremely difficult to breathe. Frederick Farrar described the intended, torturous effect: "For indeed a death by crucifixion seems to include all that pain and death can have of horrible and ghastly--dizziness, cramp, thirst, starvation, sleeplessness, traumatic fever, tetanus, shame, publicity of shame, long continuance of torment, horror of anticipation, mortification of untended wounds--all intensified just up to the point at which they can be endured at all, but all stopping just short of the point which would give to the suffer the relief of unconsciousness."

One doctor has called it "a symphony of pain" produced by every movement, with every breath; even a slight breeze on his skin could bring screaming pain at this point.

As a Medical Examiner, Dr. Frederick Zugibe, also believes Christ died from shock due to loss of blood and fluid, plus traumatic shock from his injuries, plus cardiogenic shock causing Christ's heart to fail.

James Thompson believed that Jesus did not die from exhaustion, the beatings or the three hours of crucifixion, but that He died from agony of mind producing rupture of the heart. His evidence comes from what happened when the Roman soldier pierced Christ's left side. The spear released a sudden flow of blood and water (John 19:34). Not only does this prove that Jesus was already dead when pierced, but Thompson believes it is also evidence of cardiac rupture. Respected physiologist Samuel Houghton believed that only the combination of crucifixion and rupture of the heart could produce this result. There is no question that it was painful beyond words.

Biblically, it is clear that Jesus chose and willed His moment of death. That moment was induced not by pain, emotional stress, heart attack, or any other, but by His will. Though fully human, He is also fully divine. As God, He could not die from external sources, but only of His own volition and will.

Near the end, a criminal beside him mocked, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us." Little did this sinner know that the man he was speaking to hung there voluntarily? He was speaking to our Creator, capable of releasing all the power in the universe and beyond, and easily saving Himself. Jesus remained in this agony and shame, not because he was powerless, but because of His incredible love for humanity. He suffered to provide the needed way of salvation for you and me (according to ChristianAnswers.net).

Conclusion:

Now we have two thoughts, two truths that are inseparable but inscrutable. The Word is the same with the Creator God Jehovah in eternity, equality and in His very essence but the Word is also human in every way with one exception. He was without sin. You say pastor how can it be?

G. Campbell Morgan summed up the deity of Christ when he said, "He was the God-man, not God indwelling a man. Of such there have been many. Not a man deified. Of such there have been none save in the myths of pagan systems of thought; but God and man, combining in one personality the two natures, a perpetual enigma and mystery, baffling the possibility of explanation."

There is an excerpt from Dorothea Day's poem "My Captain":

"...Beyond this place of sin and tears
That life with Him! And His aid,
Despite the menace of the years,
Keeps, and shall keep me, unafraid.
I have no fear, though strait the gate,
He cleared from punishment the scroll.
Christ is the Master of my fate,
Christ is the Captain of my soul."

You Can Explain Jesus!

The Art of Doing Nothing

Today, June 9, 2019, is Pentecost Sunday. But many people, including Christians, may not know why the day is special or why it is even celebrated. Unlike Easter and Christmas, when colorful eggs, Easter bunnies, Christmas trees and Santa Claus are harbingers of the upcoming Christian holidays, there are no such social markers by secular society ahead of Pentecost. For those who need a quick and basic understanding of what Pentecost Sunday is, below is a list of 10 things I robbed from the Internet that you should know about the holiday.

1. *Pentecost Sunday marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles.*
2. *Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days after Easter.*
3. *The Bible records the Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13.*
4. *Pentecost comes 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ.*
5. *Pentecost is also known as "the birthday of the Church".*
6. *Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth" in John 16:5-15.*
7. *Pentecost launches the large-scale spreading of the Gospel after Jesus' ascension (Acts 2:41). After Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized.*
8. *The Pentecostal movement derives its name from the New Testament event in Acts 2.*
9. *Jews also celebrate Pentecost, but not for the same reason as Christians. The Jewish celebration is to observe God giving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai 50 days after the Exodus. The Pentecost in Jewish tradition takes place 50 days after Passover.*
10. *In Western Churches, Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.*

Perhaps you've heard of a man named Bill Fuqua? He was given the name *The Motionless Man*. Fuqua is the Guinness Book of World Records champion at doing nothing. During his routines at shopping malls and amusement parks he appeared so motionless that he was sometimes mistaken for a mannequin.

But that's not how the Scriptures describe the disciples of the resurrected Christ on the Day of Pentecost almost 2000 years ago. When the Holy Spirit came upon them they were bold in telling about who Jesus is and what knowing Him meant in their lives.

With Pentecost Sunday having such historical significance for the church, it's sad that many Christians today fail to observe or even remember its significance. Instead they resemble the Motionless Man. We stand around when we should be actively sharing the joy we've found in Jesus Christ. Has anyone ever questioned whether you're a real Christian? Perhaps you are following the example of the Motionless Man. It is impossible to serve as Christ's ambassadors while remaining passive at the same time.

The Bible says the first step in the Christian life is confessing that Jesus is Lord. If you have done this, your faith journey is not over; it's only just begun. Every subsequent step in the Christian life involves obeying Jesus as Lord. The Bible tells us, "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands." God has not called you to be like the Motionless Man. He has called you to action. Today, move ahead as His ambassador. May you enjoy the excitement of obeying Him and inviting people into His Kingdom.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan ☺

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, John Lewis, George Burgess, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 12

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Happy Father's Day!!

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Fred Kerns, Dillon Burgess, Ken Nice, Don Sharp

Alternate: LeRoy Bush

No Evening Worship

Wednesday, June 19

VBS Workers 6 pm

Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events

June 8 — Prayer Warriors at 10:00 am

June 11-16—SJBA Mission Trip to Yankton, South Dakota

June 16 — Father's Day

June 19 — VBS Worker's Meeting 6 pm, church basement

June 21 & 22 — Intro to Camping for Children grades 1-3

July 15-19 — Children's Camp

July 20 or 27 — Possible VBS Dates (one day only)

August 17 — Biblical Manhood Conference

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Night

Please join us tonight as we begin a new study. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We have one last session of our study entitled “Engaging with God” led by Dr. Kie Bowman. The subtitle is “Making Prayer a Priority for the BEST of Your Life.” We always need reminders to pray. Please attend and pray for the direction of our church.

VBS Workers Meeting
June 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Church Basement

This year's schedule will be different than in times past. Anyone interested in helping would be most welcomed and appreciated. Possible dates for a one-day VBS would be either Saturday, July 20 or July 27.

Children's Camp ...

...forms are now available.

Children's Camp is

July 15-19.

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

Biblical Manhood Conference: Men On Mission

August 17, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Frederick Boulevard

Baptist

As a sponsor, the church will have 20 tickets. Invite a friend (lunch included).

Associational Youth and Adult Mission Trip June 11-16, 2019

Please be praying for this team as they travel to Yankton, South Dakota, to do block parties and share their faith in Jesus.

For the Record

Attendance: June 2, 2019

Sunday School.....	22
Visitors.....	2
Total.....	24
Contacts Made.....	10
Morning Worship.....	46
Sunday Night.....	6
Children's Worship	6
Wednesday Night	8

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,195.00
Long Family – April..	\$ 165.00

Offering Received by Mail:

June Counting Team:

Jordan Lane and ??

June Van Driver:

Yogi Swymeller

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

June Member Birthdays:

09... Sarah Waters

13... Desiree McDonald

14... John Lewis

19....Jordan Lane

25... Martha Green

25... Graham Molloy

26... Pam Battreal

29... Ruth Anne Bush

June Anniversaries

John and Beverly Lewis

June 11, 1948

Jo and Elmer Mayse

June 27, 1981

Prayer Requests ...

June Fritchle

Mike Green—Knee Surgery recovery

Lillie Williams—surgery

Gary Hurst—cancer

Susie Long—Alice Coat's Sister

Swymeller's Grandsons—kidneys

Jack and Flo Conard

Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery

Sandy and Stanley Wilson

Ruth Anne Bush—healing

Sharri Duty

Linda Huff—PTL! Cancer free!

Romey Keith Davis—Music

Marcia and Don Hart—blessings

Arlette Duty—strength

Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health

Donna and Bill Dunn—health

Karissa and Matt Long and family

Stephanie & Jason Terpack

Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim

Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son-PTL!

Lisa Bowers—Conard's daughter-PTL!

Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister

Doris Richardson Elmer Mayse

The Waters Family Kevin Duty

Betty Campbell Tim Izer

Dottie Wildberger Ann Riddle
Keon McKahan Nellie Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts Seth Long
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service Women and Men
Terrorism in our world

Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
