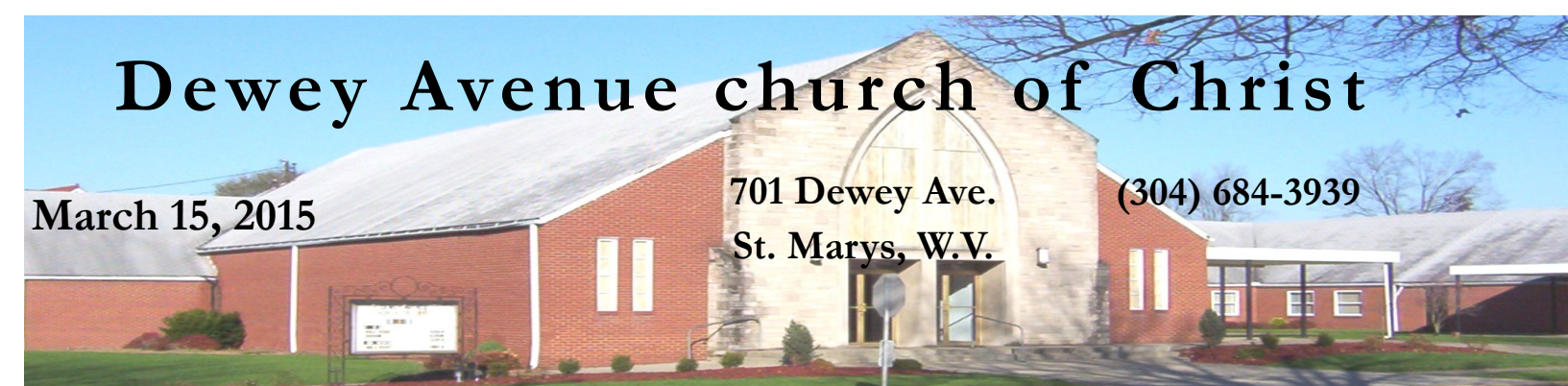


Morning Sermon:

Mission Minded– Acts 3

Evening Sermon:

Put On (Part 3) Colossians 3:13-15



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The Real Lesson from the Thief on the Cross

By Dale Parsley

A Christian lady once told me that because the thief on the cross was not baptized, her father did not have to be either. While it's not my place to make the final judgment on someone's soul, this also does not do away with the necessity of baptism (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 22:16). This, however, is probably the most common objection I've heard to baptism being essential to salvation. In Luke 23:43, one of the men crucified with Jesus was told by Jesus that "Assuredly, I say to you, this day you will be with me in paradise." Clearly this man was saved, but nothing is mentioned about him being baptized.

It seems to me that the only time we ever mention the thief on the cross is to answer the questions some have raised in his relation to baptism for today. Keep in mind that: (1) how can anyone prove that he was not baptized under the baptism of John at some point in his life? (2) The baptism that would have applied to this man would have been the baptism of John (Matthew 3:1-6). After the establishment of the church in Acts 2, the baptism of John and the message from John was no longer in effect (see Acts 18:24-19:5). The baptism that was and is in effect today is the baptism of the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). Therefore, arguing that baptism is not necessary today based on this man is inconsistent with the rest of Scripture.

In getting caught up in answering these questions, I'm afraid we may miss perhaps the most powerful lesson to be learned from the thief on the cross. The lesson being that as long as there is life on earth, whether it be a few hours or even a few minutes, God is willing to forgive and save one from his sins! Some may think at the end of their days they've been too bad, and because they cannot devote years of service to God, He will not forgive them. How much time did this man have? How much service did this man perform?

Whether it be an erring Christian, or someone who has to yet to obey the good news of Christ, as long as one is alive and can respond to Christ's invitation, God desires that all men be saved and come unto a knowledge of truth (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

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NEWS AND NOTES:

Prayer Meeting: 6:00pm in the fellowship room.

Wheeling Nailers Trip: On Saturday, March 28 @ 7:35pm please see Craig Dutton. Needs money turned in for tickets.

March 17th: Ladies Lap Quilting at 9:30am

March 20th: Game Night in the Fellowship Room starting at 6:00pm

March 29th: Traveling Youth Devo at Hopewell Church of Christ, 6:00pm

March 31st: Senior Saints Day at Camden Ave Church of Christ. Sign up sheet in the back.

Spring Clean Up: Moved to April 15, please update your calendar.

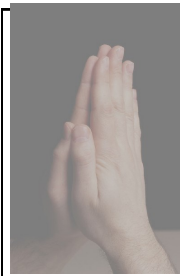
Thank you: Mark Warren is thankful for the lap quilt, soup, and the delicious cookies.

We Just wanted to thank you so much for your thoughtfulness during the death of Ruby. Not only did she love her family, but also her church family. Thank you for the many uplifting thoughts and prayers and also for the flower/church arrangement and dinner you provided for our entire family.

*Sincerely,
The Bennett Family*

*Have updates or bulletin announcements? please contact Terri Parks 304-299-1650 or at terrinazelrod@hotmail.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



Addison Parks received a good report from Cleveland Clinic.

Remember those on our prayer list:

The Stewart Family, Anthony Butcher, Robert Noland, Marie Newland, Janie Judge, Kenny Lancaster, Jodi Mote, Gary Maston, Jane Becker, Dick Dutton, Ronnie Frye, & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling and our military.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Morning:

Bible Class: 9:30

Worship: 10:30

Evening:

Prayer Meeting: 6:00

Worship: 6:30

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7:00

THOSE SERVING March 15th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Gerald Burns

Song Leader: Eric Croasmun

Ushers: Stephen Hays, Rodney Ramsey

Communion: Kevin Mercer, Larry Butcher, Cole Butcher, Dave Williamson, Clint Perkins, Matt Lamp

Reading and Prayer: John Rockhold

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Door Greeters: Lew and Lisa Wilson, Charlotte Wilson and Evelyn Hall

Evening Worship:

Communion: Hal Powell

Prayer: DJ Kessinger

Closing Prayer: Cameron Lancaster

Wednesday:

Song leader: Eric Croasmun

Prayer: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Craig Dutton

THOSE SERVING March 22nd:

Announcements: Larry Butcher

Song Leader: Craig Dutton

Ushers: Bill Dutton, Darren Parks

Communion: Dave Parks, Clay Perkins, Elmer Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Randy Fluharty, DJ Kessinger

Reading and Prayer: Dave Lancaster

Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Door Greeters: Kevin Mercer Family, Brian Mercer Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Darren Parks

Prayer: Larry Butcher

Closing Prayer: Wirt Cook

Wednesday:

Song leader: Craig Dutton

Prayer: Kevin Mercer

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

