March 1, 2020

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Reading Service, 6:30 p.m. Catechism Reading.

NO classes.

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading Service, 6:30 p.m.

Reading Service. Classes after the morning service.

Advance Notices:

March 13 Prayer Day Service 7:00 Rev. Vergunst March 15, 9:30 and 2:30 p.m. Rev. Vergunst

March 22, 2:30 p.m. Rev. Witvoet

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund

Next week: 1st General Fund

2nd School Fund 2nd Living Bread

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

All pardoned sinners will be brought to see and feel that their pardon comes through the heart-rendering, soul-traveling agonies of the Son of God. Christ stood in His people's law place, bore their sins, and put them away by the sacrifice of Himself (Heb. 9. 26-28), and it cost the Lord of life and glory groans, and sighs, and horrors indescribable. In His own soul and body He bore the punishment and hell due to the sins of His church. Their guilt fell upon Him, tortured His soul, and broke His heart (Psa. 69. 9), and remember, poor, broken-hearted sinner, that the awful reproaches against the Lord broke the heart of Christ, and filled His soul with horrors, and there was none to take pity upon Him or comfort Him. No, no; He must have gall for meat and vinegar for drink. Honors crown His brow, though the flames of hell due to His people entered into His holy soul, He quenched them with His heart's blood; and when this precious, sin-atoning, wrath-quenching blood

is brought to the conscience by the power of God the Holy Ghost, it clears the conscience of guilt and dead works, and brings pardon and peace with it. So that the forgiveness of his sins, according to the riches of His grace. The holy living, the solemn agonies, groans, sighs, sufferings, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, are the glorious, solemn channel through which our pardon comes. —William Gadsby

"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." (Matthew 16:21)

The Lord Jesus has shown His sufferings unto His disciples. Suffering and dying was necessary, but the spiritual knowledge of it cannot be missed unto salvation; therefore the Lord showed it unto His disciples. Has this also been shown unto you? Do you know more of this suffering than just what you have read and heard about it? Has Christ been glorified in you?

My beloved, we must have an experimental knowledge of Christ in our hearts. Many mock with the experience of God's people; thousands haughtily shrug their shoulders at it. But if we are strangers to that experience, we do not know Christ, neither in His suffering nor in His glorification. And in that knowledge lies life eternal. Oh, that your heart would be persuaded of the necessity to be reconciled with God. Without Christ, means without hope for eternity.

One day your deceptive foundations will be pushed away, and you will stand naked before God. God's Word tells you that it will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God. Do behold that which Christ has suffered, and bind His Word upon your hearts; "For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:31).

May that Word strike you through the operation of the Holy Spirit, in order that you learn to flee unto Him in whose blood there is forgiveness for the chief of sinners. For this proclamation we have, that in His suffering and dying God's justice has been satisfied, and that through complete satisfaction, reconciliation has been accomplished for sons and daughters of Adam.

~Rev. G.H. Kersten

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It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, 0 most High Psalm 92:1

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