

Pilot Knob Lutheran Church

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John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:17 is our continuation of John 3:16 memory verse. Last week learned that God not only loves the world, His creation, but specifically people and all living things, but He did something about it: He came to earth, to do what?

Because we are born with a sin nature; one that naturally rebels against God and His truth, we deserve to be separated from His presence for all eternity.

However, because of His unconditional and sacrificial love He did something for all humanity that we could never do that can prevent that separation. Jesus did not come into the world as one of us only to have Him shove His long bony finger in our face in judgment and condemnation telling us there is not hope or love that could undo the sin of which we are guilty. He could have, for eternal separation is what we deserve.

Instead He came to pay in full the cost of our rebellion with His innocent and precious blood, that it might be credited to us, individually through faith – surrender. Faith that acknowledges we are sinners; Jesus is God and took the full punishment for our sin and that He rose from the dead. By turning away from sin and turning to God (repentance) confessing our sin and placing our lives in the care and love of Jesus Christ, we pass from eternal judgment and condemnation to forgiveness, peace with God and eternal life. Wow, that is good news for God has done it all. We simply respond to His loving invitation.

Pr. Bob Snitzer

By the Way:

Today: 4:30 Confirmation class. **Test** Last day.

Sunday 11, 9:00 Morning Worship. Sermon: Old Man or New Man?

Sign-up sheet is out for summer food beginning May 18. See all sign-up sheets.

If you have an article or God sighting you would like to share with the congregation please submit it for publication in the Briefings. pastorbob@pilotknob.org

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