



June 14th – Rev. Hugh M Barlett

***** Christ promised Pentecost: Ministry of Jesus Holy Spirit, Christ baptized the church with the Holy Spirit, Empowered the Apostles**

Luke 24:44–49 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

God’s Word propels us in the gospel

God’s Word fulfilled in Christ

God’s Word reveals His redemption

God’s Word calls us to mission

Why would the resurrected Jesus spend time directing the disciples to the Word of God?

How does Christ connect the Old & New Testaments?

Augustine wrote in the AD 400’s said , "The New Testament is concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New"—how does that apply in this passage?

Jesus is the center of God’s message. How does this impact our interpretation of the Bible?

Do you sense a need to for Christ to help you understand the scriptures? How does Christ open our minds to the scriptures?

**How does the Holy Spirit and being a witness go together in verses 48-49? See Acts 1:8
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**



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John 3:14–18 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

God’s love sent Christ to the cross

Humility: Christ entered our world

Suffering: Christ shared life

Sacrifice: Christ died

Singularity: Christ’s death alone

Isaiah 53:6 ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Galatians 2:21 ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 2:2 ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

“The "cruciform" (cross-shaped) emphasis in evangelicalism is the foundational belief that the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross is the ultimate center of Christian theology, personal salvation, and daily lifestyle.”



Many wear bracelets that ask “what would Jesus do?” WWJD...the imitation of Christ is a wonderful commitment of Christ’s disciple. Why would evangelicals emphasize “What Jesus has done?” WJHD as a prelude and a foundation for Christian living?

Jesus is talking to Nicodemus a Jewish priest and leader. Jesus describes the new life- being born again- which comes from the Heaven by the Spirit...then He locates the source of this eternal life as coming from Jesus in His death. Can you explain what Christ’s death does for us in the passage?

How should the death of Christ be central to our faith? To our devotional life? To our dealing with suffering?

How does Christ’s death reveal the essence of love as “sacrificial” not sentimental?

How does Christ’s death actually save us? How does it sanctify us?