



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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What God Has Done for You

“Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man’s behalf!” (Psalm 66:5).

We’ve just been talking about the righteousness that Jesus gained for us while we were enemies of God and dead in our sins. Because He loved us so much, He sent His only and beloved Son to die on our behalf. Those who had earned death are given hope that we can rejoice in! It is only natural, then, that a category of psalms is that of prayers of the community for God’s saving help. God has done incredible things. If you take a trip, you will, no wonder, be awed by the beauty which still emanates from this fallen world. Or how about the incredible colors of an early morning sunrise that few see because they are still in bed. As wonderful as those things are to point out to people, the works God has done in man’s behalf are the best reasons to praise Him! This is, really, the point of the gospel. We who have found a reprieve in the sentence of death because of our sins should be filled with awe and praise for the God who found a way for us. It should be natural that we would cry out, “Come and see what God has done!” in our lives.

Do you tell the “good news” of what God has done for you?

Doug Kashorek

Your Example Matters

It's not just the doctrine, it's the examples! While in the midst of the study of Daniel, we have been deep into the prophecies of **chapters 7-12** for the last several weeks. The whole book reminds us of the chief doctrine, "God rules in the kingdoms of men" (**4:17**), but Daniel's life (and the lives of his friends) are examples of what a steadfast confidence of that fundamental truth looks like. Said another way, Daniel is exhibit A for this: "we know God's in control, how then do we live?"

We live without compromise. Daniel and company are again and again pitted against the godless, hedonistic and immoral practices of culture versus the things of holiness and godly living. Compromise was lurking around every corner. What do we say when tempted by our own immoral culture to let holy behavior and thinking slide (see **1 Pet. 1:13-16**)?

We live with out-loud convictions. Daniel and his friends did not compromise. But they did not compromise because they had settled convictions, namely, "God alone is great and worthy of our worship and service" (see **Dan. 3:16-18**) How often do we speak our convictions? If we did speak them aloud more often, would we be less cavalier about things like missing Bible classes or worship for personal pursuits? Would we be more serious about pleasing God with our time and habits?

We live with citizenship. Daniel, in predictive prophecy, comes back to the sovereignty of God in establishing and ruling over a kingdom that will transcend all other earthly kingdoms (**Dan. 2:44**). It is the kingdom which we, as spiritual Israel now occupy (**Col. 1:13**). We may have American passports, but our citizenship is not subject to change based on the system of government of America. Our King is still, and will remain, on His throne!

We live with counsel. How Daniel ministered to those around him was by being and showing the kindness of God to people who desperately needed guidance (see **2:27-29; 3:16-18; 4:19-27; 5:17-28**). We live in a world and interact with people everyday who are desperately needing someone, like Daniel, to offer godly counsel and guidance. People want to know, like Darius, "has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you" (**6:20**)? If God is, and He has, and He still rules, shouldn't we effectively counsel those seeking to seek Him while He may be found?

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Andy Baker