

### 3-27-25 Bubbler

Every day we are to remember what Jesus Christ did for us while He was on Earth. This is not just what we should focus on at Easter. I have to admit I find myself taking it for granted more often than I would like to admit. I make terrible choices or have unwise thoughts and take for granted that these sins are forgiven because of my faith in Jesus Christ. Just because my sins of the past, present, and future are forgiven does not give me a blank check to live life however I want to.

I know that Jesus was hung upon a cross and died to cover my sins. I know that three days later He rose from death and walked on Earth with His friends before ascending to Heaven. I honestly believe that if I were the only one on Earth, that He would have sacrificed Himself to cover my sins. Not because I am worthy or special, but because He loves me that much – He loves you that much. When was the last time that you thanked God for your salvation? God did not have to sacrifice His Son for you and for me. He did not have to offer you or me a way to make it to Heaven. Do you ever think about that? Here is the One who made everything and He sat back and watched us ruin it; He created a way for you to spend an eternity with Him, though your actions killed His Son.

Do you recall what emotional and physical torture Jesus Christ went through on your behalf? How He was betrayed by a friend, sold to the enemy to be arrested, denied by a friend multiple times, had followers turn on Him and demand His crucifixion, was subjected to flawed trials, severely whipped which tore flesh from His back, mocked and hit, forced to wear a piercing crown of thorns, had to carry His own cross beam, was nailed to the cross and pierced on His side. He went through all of this for the bad choices that you are still making today.

In Matthew 27:46, we see Jesus crying out “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Can you hear Him asking you the same thing? Why have you called yourself a Christian and yet you forsake Him and do the things of the world? Every time you choose to sin, you choose to toss Jesus aside and make His sacrifice mean less. Every time I choose to sin, I do the same thing. I am telling Him that my choices matter more than Him and His actions. But we know that is a lie.

As we head into Easter week, give a hard look into your choices – what needs to change? Remember what He did for you; what He would do if you were the only one alive. If you have strayed away from Him, now is the right time to come home. You are worthy and you are loved! Blessings – Pastor Bev