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“Be Aware!”

by Pastor Proeber

We live in a world which is hostile to our faith. It presents many deceptions and distractions which can erode our clear confession of Jesus Christ. The devil joins in this campaign of deceit, but his intent is not to make us question our faith. It is to destroy it. The devil would enjoy nothing more than seeing us cringe in horror and remain silent at the threats of the world. This is why we need to be aware of the challenges which seek to overcome us.

I was reminded of this battle against our faith, and yes, even against our Lord, not quite two weeks ago. There was an editorial in the News-Press which caught my attention. The author adopted a direction and tone which I found difficult to accept. After thinking about what he wrote, I had to admit he epitomized the philosophy of those in the world. After thinking about it even more, I had to also admit he was one of the very people with whom we are called to share the Gospel. Certainly they can be frustrating, even infuriating. Still they are in desperate need of the truth which offers release from error’s deep darkness. The editorial reads:

In response to a recent letter to the editor, “Could God be holding back rain?” (Voices. Jan. 20), I submit the following prayer:

Dear God,

We understand that you are all knowing, but it is clear that the drought situation in our beloved state must have escaped your attention. We need rain and you’re the one to provide it. The idea that man’s total disregard for Mother Earth’s well-being has resulted in global warming and drought is preposterous in light of your all-mighty power and control. So we’re sorry if something we did irritated you, but it’s time to get over it. I said we’re sorry. Let’s get down to business here and wet things down. I have duly brought the situation to your attention, apologized for any wrongdoing, and told you what we need.

Be aware that if you ignore my prayer and withhold rain, the drought will continue. If, as a result, fires start and burn homes, if wild animals are displaced and starve, or if any other negative consequences result because of your withholding rain, we will have no recourse but to hold you to blame. You don’t want that now do you? So get busy and make it rain. If this prayer doesn’t work, I am going to understand you for what you are and know for sure that you use your power in a vindictive and self-serving way. Amen.

As I mentioned before, there are a number of statements which are troubling, and I pray they are just as troubling to you. However, we cannot wash our hands of people who maintain these opinions. Nor can we assume they are beyond our help. They are sinners in desperate need of the truth. Just like we were once sinners in desperate need of the truth. Through God’s grace we were changed, and now through God’s grace we are obliged to help turn these people from the darkness of the devil’s distor-

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tions to the light of our Savior's saving truth. Let's take a look at some of the writer's statements, and consider how we could address them.

We understand that you are all knowing, but it is clear that the drought situation in our beloved state must have escaped your attention.

When you consider what the author is insinuating, his position is fairly obvious. He rejects the knowledge of God and God's commitment to the preservation of his creation. To assume that God isn't aware or attentive to the needs of all people not only makes God the Father a liar, it also makes Jesus a liar. Remember what he said to the crowds who followed him: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid" (Matthew 10:29-31). It is amazing how anyone who believes in God could conclude that the Lord is only passively interested in the welfare of his creation! While we may be dismayed at the accusation, we do have an answer. When life is challenging. When uncertainty mounts. When answers are elusive, we don't have to wonder: "God are you paying attention; are you really concerned?" We know the answer, and it is a resounding, yes! Our confidence comes as a result of the Lord's loving invitation: "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). To this we can also add the promise the Lord gave Noah after he stepped out of the ark, and which is evidenced every day: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22). If any doubt remains, there is also David's rebuttal to those who think anything can escape the Lord's loving attention: "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (Psalm 145:15,16).

So we're sorry if something we did irritated you, but it's time to get over it.

There is only one word to describe this reply—arrogance. Who is fooling who? What gives anyone the right to tell God, "get over it?" Certainly many have tried, and still desire to tell God, "What's the big deal." Our first response should be to explain what the Lord has said about himself, as well as the honor, reverence and respect he deserves. Exodus 20:5-6, which is captured in how Luther answers the question, "What does God say about all these commandments?" helps immeasurably.

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me;" in addition, "God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands."

If any response is appropriate, it should be one of horror and complete humility. All are guilty before the Lord, and not just for irritating him. All have rejected him and his gracious invitation to know the Truth. All have scorned his Word and his testimony about his Son. Why, then, should anyone be surprised when the Lord rightly withholds his blessings? Why should anyone scold the Lord because he is just and maintains his righteousness? This is one of the hardest concepts to explain to people, and to have people acknowledge. Unfortunately, without understanding one's accountability before the Lord, a person will never appreciate God's undeserved love and forgiveness. Still, we patiently testify to the entire Truth of God's Word.

Be aware that if you ignore my prayer . . . we will have no recourse but to hold you to blame. You don't want that now do you?

One has to wonder, if anyone would be granted a face-to-face audience with God, would they be so bold

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as to blame him for the problems of the world? Sadly, people will try as this author did. From the Bible we know this approach doesn't work too well, just as Job and his friends found out. Still it remains a human trait, and not a particularly admirable one. By nature, human beings try to blame someone else. It is one of the horrible effects of sin which became painfully apparent in the Garden of Eden. Adam blamed God for giving him his wife, and Eve blamed the serpent who tempted her to eat the fruit. We know the eventual outcome. Sin was rightly condemned by God, and the source of that sin—namely people—were held accountable with the just sentence of punishment. Try as one might, God cannot be blamed for the evil in the world.

To address this challenge we need to establish the truth that God is in control of all things. At the same time we need to be careful not to make God the source or cause of evil this world. He may use it to accomplish his purpose and good pleasure, but he is not the origin of it. So in regard to the accusation that God is the one to blame for all the earth's problems, it does not hold water. God can, and may use difficulties which seem evil from our perspective to capture our attention and lead us to seek him. Once we seek him, this makes the solace and compassion he provides even sweeter. There is just too much evidence in the Bible, especially in the psalms, which presents a very different picture of God and how he works in our lives through his goodness and his mercy. The Twenty-third Psalm is a prime example and excellent starting point.

So get busy and make it rain. If this prayer doesn't work, I am going to understand you for what you are and know for sure that you use your power in a vindictive and self-serving way.

There are many adjectives which could be used to describe this person and his distorted way of thinking. Let's say for a moment, God was vindictive in the use of his power, or that he was only self-serving, where would that put all people? At best, we could only hope for something akin to what Sodom and Gomorrah received. If God were truly vindictive, we would never have any peace. Punishment would be harsh and quick, but what would it ultimately accomplish? Yes, people would live in abject terror of God wondering when the first misstep would result in God unleashing his all-consuming vengeance. On the other side of the coin, what if God was only self-serving? Wouldn't he do everything he could to make us happy? You could look at it this way. God would have to be in the business of bribing people to make them follow him and trust him—because this would result in making him happy. How long, though, would this last with selfish, self-serving human beings?

The only way to reconcile this misconception is at the cross. If God is vindictive, why did he take the collected store of the world's just punishment and heap it on his Son? If God is self-serving, why did he direct his only-begotten Son to become a humble servant, and sacrifice him to rescue those who were hostile to him? This leads to the most important point we can make: the Lord can never be properly understood or worshiped without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is this knowledge which makes us aware of the challenges we face, it is also this knowledge which makes us aware of the power by which we can overcome these challenges. This calls for a life centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the confidence which comes from it.

We rejoice in our Savior's assurance when he said: "Know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). The truth of our rescue does release us from the condemnation we deserved because of our rebellious ways. It also causes joy to well up in our hearts every time we hear those precious words: "Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That same joy accompanies us after we depart the Lord's Supper. The words are sweet music to our ears: "Now may this, the true body and true blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make and keep you strong in your faith unto eternal life. Go in peace, all your sins are forgiven!" This incredible truth gives us the assurance to know we can stand before the Lord—holy and blameless in his sight. There is another benefit to this truth, which sad to say, we tend to

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forget. Even though it may be unintentional, it still hampers our defense and cripples our faith. Furthermore, it leaves us completely vulnerable to the devil's devious attacks. This is why we need to be aware of the victory Jesus gives us to overcome every challenge.

Too often attitudes like the one expressed in the included editorial make us turn tail and run. We don't like conflict. Even worse, we don't feel competent to address people who defiantly challenge what we believe. We would prefer to go through life quietly and without complications. Certainly, this would make daily living more palatable, but how does this mesh with our Savior's directive: "You will be my witnesses?"

In a civil court room a witness takes an oath to speak the truth. Usually that truth is challenged by the opposing attorney who can become quite aggressive in dismantling that person's testimony. Why should we think that as a witness to the Truth of the Gospel and Jesus Christ, we won't be challenged? Quite the opposite is true. The more strongly we stand on the truth and the more boldly we confess Christ Jesus, the more objections we will have to face. At the same time, we do not have to be afraid. Our Lord has given us his truth, and with that truth we have the guarantee we will attain the victory. This assurance may not always result in someone coming to faith in Jesus—that work is better left to the Lord. Still, we are witnesses to the truth, and the Lord has equipped us to do this work effectively and confidently. It is this assurance which opens our eyes to the challenges. It also opens our eyes to the victory which is already ours in Jesus.



When I first read the previously mentioned editorial, I have to admit my first response was frustration. I couldn't believe anyone could be so arrogant, even dismissive of God. I felt like I had to give this person a piece of my mind, just to show him how wrong he was. Suddenly I realized how wrong I was. My Savior's purpose for me, and it is the same for every Christian, is not to show people how wrong they are. This accomplishes nothing. Our purpose, our very existence, namely our God-given ministry is to lead people to the truth so that they may hear it and come to know their Savior. We are set apart to plant the seed, water it, fertilize it, and till around it, and usually we have to repeat the process several times. This knowledge reminds us that we don't have to hinder ourselves by defending how "right" we are, or burden ourselves by keeping a tally of how many people we have brought to faith. The Lord gives the increase. Yes, this work is filled with challenges and many are difficult to overcome. Sometimes we may even quietly question our own convictions. This is why we need to be aware of every challenge. At the same time, we also need to be aware the Lord is always working through us with his truth. It is this truth which tells us we can overcome every challenge. It is this truth which gives us the encouragement and the confidence to be faithful witnesses.

But in your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15-16

“Come Follow Me”

Following Easter we will have a special Bible Class series entitled, “Come, Follow Me!” It is a follow up to the video produced by our Synod, “The Path to Emmaus.” “Come, Follow Me,” presents the loving way Jesus prepared Peter and the rest of his disciples to be his witnesses. This includes Jesus' appearances after his resurrection, as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Keep watch for more information, as well as for opportunities to get a personal copy.



Book Review: *Killing Jesus*

by Carl Schueler

No doubt you have heard of Bill O'Reilly, host of the popular Fox News Channel's *O'Reilly Factor*, a daily one-hour commentary on current events. Moreover, you may be aware that in addition to his two popular books *Killing Lincoln* and *Killing Kennedy*, he recently released *Killing Jesus*. All three were co-authored by Martin DuGard, a journalist from Southern California. All three have enjoyed commercial success, rising immediately to the New York Times Bestseller list and holding that position for quite some time in each case. *Killing Jesus* was released last September, and remains on the bestseller list.

O'Reilly advertises *Killing Jesus* as a secular history of the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion, and notes that the book avoids using the Bible as the primary reference. He specifically indicates that he avoided referring to the Bible for information that he and DuGard could not corroborate from secular historical sources. For example, *Killing Jesus* does not mention the two thieves next to Jesus during his crucifixion that the Gospel accounts describe because no secular references to those men could be found.

Given *Killing Jesus* is therefore not a religious or even Christian book as it is presumably not based on the Bible, I thought perhaps it is irrelevant from a Christian perspective and therefore not a suitable topic for a book review in *The Reporter*. Upon noting, however, that substantial portions of the book use direct quotes from the Bible with O'Reilly's interpretations (often not accompanied by secular references), I realized *Killing Jesus* contains substantial Bible commentary. Therefore, folks who read *Killing Jesus* will be influenced by it in their understanding of the Bible. More importantly, *Killing Jesus* may create new interest in the Bible, and it may be helpful to us as witnesses to be familiar with the book.

Summary

The first three chapters of this 273 page, twenty-three chapter book cover Roman historical background mostly predating Jesus' birth to provide context for the events following Jesus' birth. These chapters are drawn from secular history, as the Old Testament ends about 300 years before Jesus' birth and the New Testament begins just before Jesus was born. Chapters 4 and 5 begin to describe events directly following Jesus' birth with reference to both secular and Biblical sources.

Mary and Joseph's search for their twelve-year old son Jesus, which led to finding him teaching in the temple courts, is described in amazing detail. The Gospel accounts provide little detail other than that Mary and Joseph walked back to Jerusalem after discovering Jesus was missing from their caravan, and found him. O'Reilly provides details of their search, indicating many specific places that they looked for him and the order of the locations they searched. Moreover, he describes in some detail the thoughts that Mary and Joseph had as they searched.

There are no references to historical sources for these detailed accounts, so that it is not clear if O'Reilly found a detailed historical description of Mary and Joseph's search or if he "invented" the details to add drama to his account. The account concludes with Mary and Joseph finding Jesus and asking him "Why have you

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treated us like this?” O’Reilly presages that Biblical quote by noting that Jesus had never before “shown any sign of possessing such deep knowledge of Jewish law and tradition.” There is no citation to a source for this assertion.

Chapter 6 relates the account of Jesus’ baptism by John with direct reference to the Gospel accounts—essentially a direct lift from the Bible with quotations from Matthew’s Gospel. Interspersed with the Bible quotes is background context not found in the Gospel, and therefore based presumably on secular history from non-Biblical sources, though no sources are cited.

Indeed, *Killing Jesus* contains few references to back up much of the history described throughout the book. Instead, in an Appendix there is a listing of reference books with no specific citations. Therefore, it is impractical (though perhaps not impossible) for a reader to verify most of the cited “facts”—one would have to read all the reference books the authors cite and search them to find most of the cited history. Any competent history book cites the source of each historical fact mentioned by source book author, title and page so that the reader can easily verify the fact cited.

For example, on page 189 at the close of chapter 12, O’Reilly notes that Jesus’ claim to be the Son of God made him “a lunatic, a liar, or a divinity who fulfills Scripture.” This comment was introduced by Josh McDowell in his 1992 book “Evidence That Demands a Verdict.” O’Reilly fails to cite McDowell either in a footnote or by at least including the title of the book in his “Sources” Appendix.

Conclusion

Killing Jesus is entertaining and provides interesting background and context for the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ earthly ministry. It is, however, hampered by a lack of scholarly discipline which leaves doubt as to the accuracy of much of the non-Biblical content. Despite that shortcoming, I think it may be useful to read this book as it is a national best-seller and no doubt has spurred interest in the Bible among those who heretofore may never have had much interest in Christianity.

As witnesses for Christ, I think we could benefit from familiarity with the book if questions arise from unbelieving readers. To that end, I donated my copy of *Killing Jesus* to the ORLC library. You can find *Killing Jesus* on our Fellowship Hall bookshelf. Feel free to ask Pastor Proeber if you cannot find it.

† Quarterly Congregational Meeting

On January 12th the members of Our Redeemer gathered to conduct the congregation’s business and decide on a ministry and funding plan. Certainly there were many things for which we could give thanks. We were especially thankful for some year end gifts which allowed us to begin the New Year on a more solid footing, and which reduced our building / property loan significantly.

Besides the quarterly and year end reports by the Committee Chairman, our financial officers presented the culmination of three prayer-filled month’s of deliberation and discussion. At first glance the ministry plan was not as comprehensive as it was in previous years, but after due consideration the decision was made, and passed by those present, to reduce some areas of ministry. The chief concern was to practice good stewardship of the gifts we do receive, and use them in the most effective way possible. It was also noted that by God’s grace working in the hearts of his people, some omitted ministries could be refunded without deficit spending.

If you have any questions regarding the ministry and funding plan, please see last month’s Reporter. The entire spread sheet is presented with explanation. You may also speak with Al Todd.



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Outreach Opportunities

In order to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to our congregation, the Outreach Committee has set up a “short list” of events and opportunities for members to invite friends and relatives to Our Redeemer.

Currently most of the events will accompany worship services. At the same time, as the Lord blesses us through the generous gifts of our members, we will include additional activities. Please look at the opportunities we do have, then invite people you know—who don’t know Christ—to come and learn more about their God and Savior.

Mid-week Lenten Worship begins Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm. The theme for the six services is: “Lord, to Whom Shall We Flee?” The answer provides practical help for the daily challenges we endure both in our daily life, and in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

Holy Week begins April 13th with Palm Sunday, and takes us to the Upper Room (Maundy Thursday) and to Calvary (Good Friday). These services will utilize “visual displays” as we worship the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Easter Sunday is April 20th. During this Festival Service we will rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior. We will also look to the open tomb and the empty cross as our assurance that Jesus lives!

A breakfast will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information on all of these services.

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be **Saturday, April 5th** at 10:00 am. Please watch the newsletter and the service folder for more information.



February Birthdays

We rejoice in the many blessings God has given the members of our family of faith. May the Lord continue to bless them richly.

7 th	Joel D.
8 th	Kathy T.
11 th	Michael J. Janelle S.
17 th	Debbie A.

Updated Directory

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to check over the information provided in the 2014 directory. Granted the information may change through the course of the year. So, if you do have an addition or correction, or if something was inadvertently omitted, please get the correct information to Pastor Proeber so it can be shared with the congregation.

Also, just one reminder, the information in the directory is for the private use of the members of Our Redeemer exclusively. Please do not share phone numbers, birthdays, emails, or any personal information with any party outside of Our Redeemer, or any business. Thank You.

Notes & News

Music Ministry

We give thanks to the Lord for the dedication of the people who play in the Handbell Choir and sing in the Mixed Choir. They meet every Monday and Thursday respectively at 7:00 pm.

Currently preparations are being made for the Epiphany season, as well as Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

If you would like to serve the Lord in this area, please contact Debbie Aitkins or Pastor Proeber

We also want to give thanks to the Lord for Al Todd and his faithful service in playing the piano every Sunday. His dedication is an example for all of us. He is even willing to teach people how to use the Clavinova and access the worship files.

We finally want to thank Jim Everson who has been supplementing our Sunday worship service by controlling the "Hymnsoft" program. This music and liturgy program was recently completed by our Synod, and it has been a blessing for our congregation in Al's absence. If you are interested in learning more about this program, speak with Jim or with the Pastor.

Wednesday Bible Study

Until Ash Wednesday, March 5th, the mid-week Bible Study will continue to meet. Currently we are reviewing the Acts of the Apostles, or as it also known, the Acts of the Holy Spirit. Not only have we seen the powerful working of the Spirit, we have also seen how the Gospel was boldly proclaimed in spite of obstacles and persecution. Come and learn more about the Gospel's work in and through each of us. The class meets at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

As part of our regular Sunday schedule there is Bible Study following the worship service. We are in the process of completing the Augsburg Confession, which was an interesting and timely review of the "confessional" statements of our church.

Our next study will be based on the Sunday Scripture lessons—focusing on the Epiphany of Jesus. This will tide us over until we receive a recently released DVD on C.S. Lewis' classic, "Mere Christianity." The DVD is titled, "The Long Way Home."

Sunday School

Thanks to the Board of Education, our dedicated teachers, and our committed parents, the Sunday School has been held formally on the third Sunday of the month (**February 16th**), and informally on the other Sundays. This is truly a much anticipated and appreciated blessing for Our Redeemer.

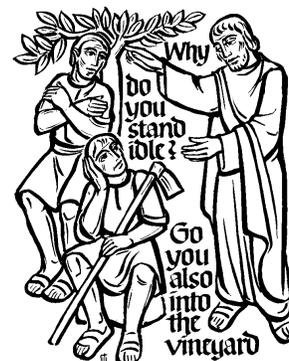
The Board of Ed. solicits your continued prayers, as well as any other support you can provide. If you would be interested in teaching as part of a regular rotation, please speak with John Favuzzi.

New Usher Schedule

The Board of Elders has put together a new ushering schedule for 2014. There are a couple of changes, mainly in the membership of some of the teams and in the number of teams. If you have questions, please speak with Dave Vetter or Jacob Martin.

Other Opportunities

We are always looking for new opportunities for service, outreach, study and encouragement. Please share your ideas with a Board member.



Serve the Lord with Gladness

Reporters Wanted

Book review? Personal Story of Faith?
Event report? Potluck-gathering? Party? Field Trip?

Half-page to three pages
Reviewed for scriptural consistency
Due by 25th of month to appear in next issue

Hard-copy to Carl Schueler, or email to Carl Schueler (cfs_home@hotmail.com)
or Pastor Proeber (pastor@orlcsb.net)

A simple and rewarding way to serve!

Thanks to Carl Schueler for his book review.

There is a standing invitation to provide material for the *Reporter*. Throughout the past volumes, articles authored by members have really made every issue more interesting. We pray that every member will provide an article for 2014. If you have an idea, and you are not sure whether to act on it, please don't hesitate to speak to Pastor Proeber or Carl Schueler for advice. Thanks!

Change in the Church Council

During the worship service on Sunday, January 26th, the new Church Council officers were installed. It will be their responsibility and privilege to see that the work of the congregation is carried out in a "decent and orderly way." Please keep these men in your prayers as they serve their Savior, and each of you.

Members of the Church Council are:

Elders

Erle Pettus	Chairman of the congregation
Dave Vetter	Vice-chairman of the congregation
Jacob Martin	Head Elder and worship assistant

Education

John Favuzzi	Chairman of the Board of Education
Joel Degner	Sunday School / Children's ministry
Daniel Grunewald	Secretary of the congregation

Trustees

Jim Brown	Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Jim Everson	Financial Secretary
Alan Todd	Treasurer of the congregation

Along with the new Council members there will be a change in the meeting schedule. Meetings of the Council will remain on the first Tuesday of the month from 8:00 pm—9:00 pm (**February 4th**), in addition the Committees will meet the same evening from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Devotional Corner

"Better than the Best"

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5:20*

How can anyone enter the kingdom of heaven? This was the conclusion to which many people came. They heard what Jesus had to say, and they were shocked to hear the standard required for entry. How could Jesus say, "unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven?" How could anyone be better than the best?

Jesus' lesson was not to plunge people into hopelessness by telling them no one could ever enter the kingdom of heaven. It was, instead, to turn people away from relying on their own works.

It is a lesson to which I need to pay careful attention. It is easy to assume I am not a bad person. I am faithful to my spouse and my family. I work hard. I try to be fair and honest. I even try to help those who are in need. When I take stock of all the good things I have done, it becomes easy to assume God will let me enter the kingdom of heaven. However, when I am tempted to think my works are good enough, I need to recall what Jesus said, namely that my good works must surpass those of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law.

So how can I enter the kingdom of heaven? How can I be better than those who were perceived to be the best of the best? How can I escape the hopelessness and despair when I realize my life can never merit the kingdom of heaven? The answer is not found in what I do, but in what Jesus has done for me. Through his life as my Substitute, he lived the perfect life which I could never have lived. Through his death as my Savior, he offered the payment required to secure my freedom from sin and my just condemnation. Through his triumph over the grave as the Son of God, he proclaimed the power of death was defeated, and the kingdom of heaven is open.

It is only through faith that everything Jesus accomplished can become mine. Through faith I can live with the confidence Jesus is my righteousness and my way into the kingdom of heaven. Through faith I can even have the certainty Jesus has made me better than the best.

Prayer

Jesus, your blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day -- who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

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Daily devotions can be accessed through www.whataboutjesus.com or www.wels.net. Please follow the instructions to view daily devotions and to subscribe to them. They are also available as "podcasts."