

The Brighton Light

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Have you considered the necessity of the two natures of Jesus?

As we celebrate Easter let us consider what it is and Who it is we are celebrating. We know that Easter is about Jesus being nailed to the cross shedding His holy blood. That He died there, was buried and how three days later He was bodily raised from the dead. But, just Who was the One Who took these measures to accomplish His plan of salvation?

Jesus, the son of man, suffered extremely at His trial and on the cross. Jesus, God the Son, took the sin of the whole human race upon Himself, becoming a curse for us.

It took 100% of each of the two natures, Jesus' divinity and Jesus' humanity to accomplish the plan of salvation completely on that cruel Roman cross. Take away His divinity and there would be no way Jesus could have born the sin of the world upon Himself. Take away His humanity and Jesus could not fulfill Isaiah 53 where it prophesied the extreme isolation and grief of the One Who was to be the offering for sin. Hebrews 2: 17&18 could not say; "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be the merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sin of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted." Also in Hebrews 4:14b&15; "Seeing that we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

All of this must be true if the salvation offered and the assurance which comes with it is in itself true. Starting in the 1st century church there were some who believed that Jesus was divine and therefore could not be human. Still others rejected Jesus' being God in human flesh. Both were wrong and not even being close to being half right. Both of these views were seen as heresy by the early church leadership. Later the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed were penned to make clear statements on these and other important things which were and are important to faith and life in Christ.

The union of the two natures of Jesus is indeed a mystery to our finite minds and understanding of how Jesus could have been and can be both

God and man. If we believe the Word of God being both true and accurate in the Old and New Testaments pertaining to Who Jesus, the Messiah was, we can come to no other conclusion, but that He was God in human flesh while He was here on earth.

Though we may not fully understand everything, let us rejoice greatly for all that our Lord Jesus has accomplished. He purchased our salvation for all eternity. HE HAS RISEN! HE LIVES! Praise His most holy and wonderful name. Have a blest Easter!

Your Pastor,

Meredith Cavin

SERMON SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

April 5 (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 53 "He Did All This For Me"
April 9 (Maundy Thursday)	Romans 5:1-11 "Because of Easter"
April 12 (Sonrise Service)	Colossians 1:9-23 "Underserved, Yet Freely Given"
April 19	Colossians 3:1-17 "Effects of the Resurrection"
April 26	Isaiah 5:1-7 "What Happens When the Church Forgets?"

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Verlie Wells. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Verlie at 476-6627.

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH

Margaret Sherrill Circle

April 5	In Memory Of MR. GENE COLUMBUS Given By Mrs. Norma Columbus and Mr. Floyd Columbus
April 12	In Memory Of MR. JIM CLARKE Given By Mrs. Linda Clarke
April 19	In Honor Of MR. HARRY HUGUES Given By Mrs. Vickie Hugues, Anna Hugues, and John Hugues

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

April 9 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Paladino
April 18 Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Cranford
April 23 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goulder
April 26 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Owen

NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR THE MONTH

April 5 Molly Huffman
April 12 Margarette Alsbrook
April 19 Katie Ruffin
April 26 Beth Crum

CONGRATULATIONS to Lee Ann and Mark Smith on the birth of their daughter, Mattie Louise. Mattie was born on Tuesday, March 3rd and weighed 5 lbs. and 7 ounces.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THE HARRIET LINDERMAN CIRCLE will be having a "Spring Chicken Dinner" Fundraiser on Saturday, April 4th from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. There will be entertainment and door prizes. Donations will be accepted at the door. Please come out and support this circle and enjoy the good food, fellowship, and entertainment.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on June 21st – 25th this year. If you would like to help with VBS in any way, please contact Linda Boswell.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY is working on a new church cookbook. Please submit your favorite recipes to be put in the cookbook. Guys, we need your barbecue recipes and tips. Please print or type this on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper. There will be a box in the kitchen where you can put your recipes.

THERE WILL BE an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. on April 12th with breakfast to follow. Please make plans to attend. The choir will present the Easter cantata during the Worship Service.

THE HARRIET LINDERMAN CIRCLE is selling Easter Lilies this year (\$15). If you would like to purchase a lily to be in memory or in honor of someone, please see a member of the Harriet Linderman Circle or sign up on the sheet in the Vestibule. The lilies may be picked up after the Easter Worship Service.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11th at 2:00 P.M. The age group is toddler to 4th grade. Each child is to bring 3 plastic filled eggs. If there are any questions, please call Margarette Alsbrook at 476-8356.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Services will be April 9th at 7:00 P.M. The Lord's Supper will be observed during this service. Please come and take part in this time of worship as we celebrate this Easter season.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-372-3995 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

A MISSIONS MINUTE

Judi Hodges is one of our World Witness Missionaries in Berlin. Last month she was searching for a new apartment. Her lease was ending, rent and utilities were rising, and with the devaluing of the dollar, her existing support money was being stretched pretty thin. Judy looked to God to supply her need. She began looking and found "just the place", a third floor walk-up within a reasonable walk to the church. Going to the interview with completed paperwork in hand, she intended to sign the lease while there. But God had other plans! The landlord felt someone else had a greater need...a pet needed to enjoy the balcony. Judi was disappointed, but still looked to God to supply her need! God's answer was so good. The apartment over their church became available, the lease was signed, and Judi can walk downstairs to church. Next time you face an obstacle or decision, set aside time to pray. Ask God to give you the direction you need and to guide your feet on the pathway. Give God the glory and the praise for the answers He provides. Then, tell someone what a Great God you serve. You will be a missionary, too!

Susan Cavin

Searching the Scripture with those

Recovering From the Losses of Life.....

Join us for an in depth Bible Study to help us through the storms of life.

Begins April 21st at 7:00pm

Our group will be meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

Call Brighton ARP 476-7233

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