

REMEMBER

The Savior

Philippians 2:5-16

WELCOME: We are glad to have the Kuhnel family back from Spain, as they followed Jesslyn to the World Cup Tournament for Para Women's Soccer. Jesslyn was the youngest lady who made the team.

And we are all excited because the United States Team won! Not only that, but listen to the write-up of the match that hit the wires after the victory.

Just two minutes after that opening goal for the U.S., 17-year-old forward Jesslyn Kuhnel of Panama City, Fla., scored one of the best goals of the tournament to give the USA the lead, thundering a shot with equal parts placement and power into the upper right corner of the goal past standout Australian goalkeeper Katelyn Smith.

Then Australia tied the game, and they went to overtime. BACK TO THE NEWS FEED...

In overtime ..., it was down to Kuhnel again, this time slotting home from close range after Martin had fed the ball into the area from the flank.

Congratulations, Jesslyn, Bruce and Wendy, all the family, we are happy for you and grateful for the way you represent our Lord and this church.

Remember to pray for the people of Uvalde TX, that they would draw near to Christ, the source of comfort and healing.

I want to get back to sharing with you what the Lord has put upon my heart for my last few weeks as your pastor....

I believe the Lord wants us all to REMEMBER.

REMEMBER, not what I have said, but what the Lord Himself has said in His Word.

LAST WEEK – We remembered **THE FOUNDATION** – Believing and obeying the Word of God

THIS WEEK – We remember **THE SAVIOR**

You may wonder about the order of things to remember.

You may be thinking, “Shouldn’t remembering the Savior be first on the list?”

- He is preeminent!
- His is the name above every name.
- He is the One of whom we sing “Crown Him with Many Crowns” and “Jesus Over Everything!”

And those are good thoughts, very well intentioned thoughts.

But I began with REMEMBER THE FOUNDATION OF BELIEVING AND OBEYING THE WORD because it is the Word of God which tells us everything we know about

- Jesus, the Living Word
- About Jesus, the Christ
- About Jesus, our Savior

If you do not believe God’s written Word, called the Holy Scriptures, you would not know Jesus as your Savior.

So, this morning, take a few minutes with me to REMEMBER THE SAVIOR.

There are many great texts I could have chosen from God’s Wonderful Book that could guide our remembrance of the Savior, for ultimately, the Bible is all about Jesus.

- In Genesis He is the Promised Seed
- Exodus Passover Lamb
- Leviticus Our Tabernacle
- Numbers Star of David
- Deuteronomy Fulfillment of the Law
- Joshua Captain of Lord's Army
- Judges Our Deliverer
- Ruth Kinsman Redeemer
- I & II Samuel One who looks upon the heart

- I & II Kings God of Israel
- I & II Chronicles The Lord in His Holy Temple
- Ezra God who brings His people home
- Nehemiah Rebuilder of the walls
- Esther Protector of God's people
- Job Lord who gives and takes away
- Psalms Perfector of our praise
- Proverbs Source of all wisdom
- Ecclesiastes Purpose of life
- Song of Solomon Lover of His bride
- Isaiah Suffering Servant
- Jeremiah Root of David
- Lamentations Consolation of Jerusalem
- Ezekiel Wheel within a wheel
- Daniel Mighty mountain that grows into an eternal kingdom
- Throughout the
Minor Prophets He is our Living righteousness
- Matthew King of Jews
- Mark Servant of the Lord
- Luke Son of Man
- John Son of God
- Acts Risen Christ
- Romans Our Righteousness
- I & II Corinthians Comfort of the Church
- Galatians Liberation of the Saints

- Ephesians Exalted Christ
- Philippians Our joy
- Colossians Fullness of the Godhead
- I & II Thessalonians Our Returning Lord
- I & II Timothy Keeper of the Church
- Titus Supreme Bishop
- Philemon One who sets us free
- Hebrews Our Great High Priest
- James The Source of our working faith
- I & II Peter The Cornerstone
- 1, 2, & 3 John Light of the world
- Jude The Lord who comes with 10,000 of His Saints
- Revelation The Lamb, who alone is worthy of praise, glory, and honor; and our victorious Christ who is coming soon as King of Kings & Lord of Lords

Jesus, our Savior, is ultimately who the Bible is all about.

So, my friend, I could pick any of the precious books of God's infallible Word and from its pages preach Jesus.

But this morning the Spirit of God has led me to pick Philippians, chapter 2, verses 5 through 16. We will read it in two parts.

Philippians 2:5–11 NKJV 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

JESUS IS GOD WHO CAME IN THE FLESH.

- Born of a virgin
- A descendant of King David, born in David's home town
- He never denied the words of God's messenger, John the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- He never rebuked the voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!"
- He performed miracle upon miracle,
 - Multiplying a lunch barely big enough to feed a little boy into a banquet for thousands with food left over.
 - Walking on the water and commanding the storm to cease.
 - Ministering to a man no one else would come near and casting the legion of demons out of him.
 - Healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, making lame men walk, raising the dead,
 - The power of God was upon Him and in Him. Nothing was or is impossible for Jesus!

JESUS WAS THE GOD-MAN,

but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men ... He humbled Himself

Although Jesus knew that He was one with the Father and that He had come from Heaven, yet He did not force men to cower before Him or pay Him homage.

JESUS MADE HIMSELF A SERVANT.

- At the Last Supper, Jesus laid His outer garment aside, and one by one got on His knees and washed the feet of His disciples.
- Feet that had been covered only by sandals all day, covered with dust mixed with sweat.

- Dirty feet! Stinky feet!
- One by one Jesus washed them making them clean but also made them feel better.

Are you understanding this scene?

Are you receiving the message the Holy Spirit is sending through Paul as he writes this letter from a prison cell and tells them to remember the Savior?

This Jesus was God in the flesh and He fully deserved for the disciples to wash His feet. They were dirty too.

He could have demanded that they serve Him.

- He could have said, and when you finish with My feet, go get Me some clean clothes.
- And go fix My supper, because I'm hungry.
- And then get yourselves organized to defend Me because the enemy is coming.
- They want to take Me to prison and beat Me and kill Me in the most horrible way they know.

But He didn't.

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He ... became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

JESUS OBEYED GOD THE FATHER.

- It is not that He always wanted to die on a cross. He prayed in so much agony that the capillaries under the skin of His forehead burst and blood dripped from His brow.
- He was betrayed for the price of a slave, denied any form of justice, mocked and spit upon, beaten with balled up fists by brutal men, whipped until His flesh hung like bloody ribbons down His back, then spikes were driven into His wrists and through the arch of His feet.
- Then He was raised up to hang upon the cross where slowly He would suffocate, unable to expel the carbon dioxide accumulating in His lungs.
- And that was not even the worst part.

- The worst part was that the spotless, unblemished, perfect Lamb of God was smothered with the filth of my sins and of yours and of everyone who has ever lived in this old wicked world.
- All our sins were laid upon Him, and He became sin for us.
- And the Father turned away.
- For the first time since eternity past the perfect communion between Heavenly Father and Heavenly Son was broken, for the holiness of the Father could not abide in the presence of the sinfulness His Son had become.
- Just so we who committed all those sins could become the righteousness of God in Him.

And that is why we should remember the Savior. That is why we should trust the Savior.

And trusting and remembering the Savior should produce some very tangible and obvious results in our life.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

WE SHOULD HUMBLE OURSELVES AS OUR SAVIOR HUMBLLED HIMSELF.

- Pride kills a church.
- Insisting on our own way is a prideful act that says, "I alone know what is right and best."
- Folks, when Karen and I are gone, there are going to be changes in leadership in the church as a whole and in the Kid Zone. Some leadership changes may be for an interim period. Ultimately, long term changes will be made.
- Everybody has their own ideas about what new leadership should be like or even who new leaders should be.
- I am not saying not to express your ideas, discuss them, or vote on things according to your own analysis as you are led by the Spirit.
- I am saying, "Also listen to others." Think what you think, and say what you say, in humility.
- Don't insist on your own way. If the church decides contrary to what you thought, then give it to the Lord and be quiet about it. Do not, in your pride, try to convince others you were right and stir up trouble after the fact.

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EACH, LIKE OUR SAVIOR, SHOULD BECOME A SERVANT.

- We will never be able to serve others as fully as our Savior did.
- We can try to come close.
- We can look for ways to serve others. We can look for ways to serve the church.

REMEMBER THE SAVIOR!

And I conclude this plea to you by reading the remainder of this text, for my conclusion matches that which the Spirit gave Paul.

Philippians 2:12–16 NKJV 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

My friend, **REMEMBER THE SAVIOR.**

Fully God, fully man, humbled, obeyed to the cross, for us! May Your mind become our mind. Transform us. May we have humility without complaining and disputing. May we often remember You that we can become more like You.