

Living Gloriously Different

Proclamation Bible Study; Week of Sunday, March 22, 2020; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: As the people of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus and His once-for-all sacrifice, we are called to walk by faith in Christ and live gloriously different than the world around us. Therefore, we must be committed to obeying the Law and worshipping the Lord.

I. God's People Obey the Law – Read Nehemiah 10:1-39

- A. The people of God make a new covenant to keep the old covenant. What do you think it looks like for a person to separate themselves from the people of the land and walk in the Law of the Lord (v.28)?
- B. The people promise to not intermarry those who worship false gods. If you're single, what actions can you take to honor God by marrying a believer (2 Cor. 6:14-15)? If you're married, how are you pursuing a marriage that displays the glory of the relationship between Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:22-33)?
- C. What do you think it looks like to keep the Sabbath? Have you experienced rest in Jesus? How do you feel about His call to all who are weary and heavy laden to find rest for their souls in Him (Matt. 11:28)?
- D. What are all the different reasons why a Christian should be thrilled to be a member of a local church and excited to financially support the work of the ministry through that local church?

II. God's People Worship the Lord – Read Nehemiah 11:1-12:47

- A. In verse 2, it says, "The people blessed all the men who willingly offered to live in Jerusalem." What are different ways in which you can serve and sacrifice for the people of God? What are some practical things you could do to honor and bless the people who faithfully serve and sacrifice for you?
- B. As you reflect on Nehemiah 12:27-47, what are all the different ways in which the people of God plan and prepare and provide from their own means in order to worship the Lord rightly in the city of God? How would you like to grow in being more thoughtful in your preparation and provision for worship?
- C. As you think about the people in (v.43), how are they specifically rejoicing in the person and work of God, who He is and what He's done for them? How would you like to grow in rejoicing in Christ?

III. God's People Rejoice in Christ – Read Hebrews 10:11-14

- A. In what ways are the bulls and goats from all the O.T. sacrifices just a shadow of the things to come? List all the different ways in which Christ's sacrifice for our salvation is better than those sacrifices?
- B. How would you like to grow in putting sin to death and walking in righteousness (Romans 6:12-14)? What things can you weed out of your life so that you're less distracted in your worship of Christ?
- C. Reflecting on Revelation 5:8-14, what are some practical things you can do to let the future glory of worshipping Christ in the eternal city of God invade this present reality? How can the hope of heaven impact your daily life, your actions and your attitudes, especially in light of the coronavirus?