That Man Is Blessed



Sermon Notes Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer

The LORD give His People the Law of Freedom Deuteronomy 6:10-7:16

I. The God Who Sets Free

II. The Law Which Keeps Free

Coming Up:

11/24/19 AM Service:

Costs of the Kingdom of God: The Cost of Humility Mark 9:30-41

11/24/19 PM Service:

The Crisis of Israel's Faith (Idolatry): Becoming Like Sodom Judges 19:1-30



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Mr. Jonathan Hunt, Presiding Ruling Elder Mr. Jonathan Bergmann, Assisting

The Welcome

The Prelude

The Call to Worship - Psalm 136:3-4

*The Hymn of Praise

Hymn #231

Jesus Shall Reign

*The Confession of Faith see bulletin

The Apostles' Creed

*The Psalm of Doxology see bulletin

Psalm 100:1-2

The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 2:15-20

The New Testament Reading

Titus 3:12-15

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

*The Psalm of Adoration - Psalm 107:23-32 see bulletin

To Those Who Sail the Seas

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word - Rev. Peter Holtvlüwer

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*The Psalm of Response - Psalm 1

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That Man is Blessed *The Benediction

*The Extroit

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The Q&A

*— Please stand, as you are able.

Worship Guide

A Survey of Church History, Part 19a: Martin Luther

OD PRESERVED HIS CHURCH throughout the dark and dreary Middle Ages when the apostate Roman Catholic Church controlled the life and ecclesiastical religion of men. God had preserved His church through the Waldensians hiding in the valleys and caves of the Alps to escape the brutal Inquisition. And our Sovereign God had preserved His church through faithful followers of the two Johns: Wycliffe and Hus. But the institution of the church was corrupt and the saints of God in many places had no place to go with their children to be nourished by the Word of God. And gradually, under Rome's terrible pressures, the church became more difficult to find.

But God is faithful and has His own providential way and time of doing that which needs to be done to preserve His church, for He has promised that even the gates of Hell will not prevail against her. Applicable to the church as well as to creation is the old adage: "It is always darkest just before dawn." Darkness grew darker in Europe under Rome's heavy hand; but the dawn was about to break. It broke with the coming of an insignificant monk out of Saxony in Germany when it seemed that all hope was gone. *Post tenebras lux*, Latin for "after darkness, light" became a motto to describe the entire reformation and was used by Calvin, but it could well be used to describe the events that follow in Germany in the life of Martin Luther. It broke from an unexpected source and in a surprising place. It is the story of one of the greatest works of God in the church since the time of the apostles. It is doubtful whether such a story shall again unfold until Christ returns at the end of time.

From a human perspective, it seems as if God is never in a hurry. He seems to take His time about things which appear to us to be so crucial, that any delay is disastrous. So it was with Luther. In the latter part of the 15th century, the lay of the land in Europe seemed to be so bad that if God did not do something very shortly, it would be too late and the church would forever disappear from the earth. It seemed as if the remnant had gotten as small as the time of Elijah. Reformation had to take place or reformation would never take place at all.

But even though when the reformation did come, it came as the mighty surge of a tidal wave which engulfed Europe, it first came very slowly and scarcely noticed in the soul of Martin Luther.

Martin Luther was born November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Prussia, in Saxony of Germany. His parents were poor, but honest and industrious, pious members of the Roman Catholic Church. Martin was brought up under the strict discipline and superstition of the church. He received his early education in Mansfeld, Magdeburg, and Eisenach. Because his parents were unable to support him, he sang to earn a bit of money and was helped by Ursula Cotta, the wife of one of the wealthy merchants in Eisenach. His upbringing was the rough training of the peasantry and he bore the indelible marks of such upbringing all his life. It made him a man of the people.

The Psalm of Doxology



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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Psalm 117:1

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Ex - tol the LORD, you peoples all, Ex - tol Him —praise and sing!

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The term "catholic" here refers to the universal church, not the Roman Catholic Church



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