

Fight the Good Fight, Part 2: “Unvarnished”

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Jer 26.8-15; Ps 4; Phil 3.17-4.1; Lk 13.31-35

Pre-Service Children's Message

How are we like the piece of wood?

Introduction

CCT: In Christ we are _____ workmanship.
(Eph 2.10).

Isaiah 64:8 (ESV)

⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

What happens at our Baptism?

Salvation is God's work alone... but sometimes what do we do as God shapes us?

I. Herod and the Pharisees

Luke 13:31 (ESV)

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

A. Pharisees

Pharisees are...

1. How are you like the Pharisees, more concerned with what it looks like on the outside than with matters of the heart?

B. Herod [Antipas]

Luke 13:31

Who is Herod? What is he like?

2. How are you like Herod? How are you more concerned with your personal pleasure or keeping your place in the social order, or climbing "up" it, than with faithfulness to God?

C. Prophets and Jerusalem

Luke 13:31–35

Conclusion

To “fight the good fight” of faith is to submit to the Word of God, which _____ us. We are—in so many ways, “_____.”

“Unvarnished truth” from St. Paul:

Philippians 3:18–19 (ESV)

¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things....

The Word of God shows us our imperfections and sins. Above all, what does that Word show us?

Who is the Master Carpenter?

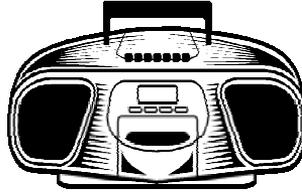
As Christ’s beloved, we remember..

Philippians 3:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Prayer: *God, grant us your Spirit, and bring to completion the good work that you have begun in us.*
(Phil 1.6)

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