

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**September 20, 2015**  
**Strong Foundations:**  
**Man: Fallen & Redeemed**

**TEXT:** 2 Pe 1:12-13 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be **established** in the present truth. (13) Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to **stir you up** by putting *you* in remembrance

- ♥ Man was created a wonderful creature, the crown of God's creation
  - Genesis 1:26-28. Created personally in the image and likeness of God, Himself. Image = a physical representation, as a statue or idol a representative form. Likeness = recognizable as related, as a son to a Father.
  - The nature and appearance of God includes male and female. (All colors are represented in the person of God. He is light)
  - Man was created with authority and dominion to replenish and subdue the earth. The earth was created for men to inhabit and control. Dominion / Subdue: Bring into obedience.
  - Notice 2:15. A commission to cultivate and protect.
  - Man was created with beauty and dignity. He bore the image of God, not some ignorant, naked savage. Psalm 8:5 Man is a remarkable creature who was created covered in the cloak of the manifest glory of God. He was a creature of splendor and honor.
  - The only being with a choice, and so precious to God that He saw fit to redeem him. The fact that God gives us each choice is our greatest evidence of the esteem in which we are held. The greatest gift you can give a man is freedom.
  - **Read Genesis Chapter 3.** Notice the mechanism of the Fall: undermining the truth of the Word and accusing God of evil motives.
- ♥ The Fall changed man's nature and brought forth evil fruit.
  - Broken fellowship with God. Note man's attempt to run from God or hide his shame under fig-leaf religion. Ephesians 2:12. Without God and without hope.
  - Death (physical and spiritual) came by sin. Romans 5:12
  - Man was left helpless and without strength. Romans 5:6.
  - Ruled by the devil through lust and deception, Ephesians 2:1-3. Thus making the devil god of this world. 2 Corinthians 4:4

- The earth itself became subject to corruption. Romans 8:21
- Man was no longer "very good." Even the best of men was a faint echo of God's original note. Genesis 6:1-13 / Romans 1:28-32. Man's nature changed from the nature of a holy God to the nature of his new father, the devil. (See John 8:44)
- **Problem:** Man belonged to the devil. Romans 7:14/ Isaiah 52:3 Sin keeps man from the presence of God. and brings him a death sentence. Romans 6:23 / Romans 3:9-19. His very nature had changed to reflect his father, the devil. John 8:44 / Eph 2:3

- ♥ **Jesus dealt with the sin problem** by paying a terrible price: His own blood.
  - Ephesians 1:7 We have redemption through His blood.
    - Redemption - apolutrosis- a releasing effected by payment of ransom
    - Through His blood. " The blood of Christ paid for the sins of the human slaves of sin in the sense that it satisfied the just demands of God's holy law which decreed "the wages of sin is death" - outpoured blood means death." (Wuest)
  - Romans 3 :25-26. By His blood He is our propitiation - a sacrifice that effects an adjustment in a relationship, causing one party to look favorably upon the other. It removes a separation. Heathen religions sacrifice animals or even humans to satisfy their angry gods. Our loving God sacrificed His Son to meet the demands of His own justice.
  - Hebrews Chapter 9:12-26. By His blood we have obtained eternal redemption, had our consciousness purged from the necessity of dead works, received a new Mediator of the New Covenant, and had our sins are remitted - removed completely.(Colossians 2:15).
  - Verse 26 He sacrificed Himself once. It is done. For all:- No one is too awful, no sin too great. To put away sin, making it legally null and void. (Notice Colossians 2:13)

**Notice John 16:8-9.**

**Jesus dealt with the sin problem at Calvary.**

(2 Corinthians 5:19 / 1 John 2:2)

**The sins of the world were washed away.**

**Only unbelief stands between the sinner and heaven.**

**WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT JESUS???**