

Message Notes

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

9:30 & 11:00am



Before the world began, Creator God planned to have a relationship with humans who would bear His image. That has never changed. God has been refused, rejected and neglected, but He has never given up His desire and plan. Being the just and holy God, He never condones sin, but He made provision for repentance from sin, forgiveness and restoration.

The beauty of God's relationship with humans has already been corrupted by the time of the third chapter in the Bible. Genesis 3:15 contains a statement of hope that could easily be missed, but it becomes the theme of the Story. The counterfeit god, Satan, will be defeated and sin will go away forever. However, sin and disobedience dominate much of the Old Testament, followed by humans rejecting the promised Redeemer, Jesus, when He finally came.

Years after rejection in the Garden resulted in expulsion, the human race became so corrupt that God destroyed all but one family with a flood. In time, these descendants became so sinful that God chose one family – Abraham and his descendants – to be His representatives on Planet Earth. The remainder of the Old Testament, and the first part of the New Testament, is about this family.

1. The promise to Abram (later changed to “Abraham”) included everyone for the rest of time – even you and me. Genesis 12:1-3
2. While Genesis 12 through the end of Malachi is primarily about God working with the Nation Israel, the Jews, there is evidence that Gentiles are welcome in God's family when they believe Him.
 - a. Rahab
 - b. Ruth
3. The beginning of the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 is what we know as the Christmas Story. The promised Redeemer arrived in Bethlehem.
4. The rejection of God's plan and His desire for a relationship with humans continued even when Jesus, the God-man, presented Himself as the promised One.
5. When the Jews rejected their Savior, God fulfilled the promised to Abram that from him “all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Jesus is the Redeemer for everyone. John 3:16 says the invitation for Salvation is offered to everyone. And remember, “You were in His mind before the world began.”

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Bill Ehmann

Nov. 24, 2019
9:30 &
11:00 A.M.

"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"
1 Chronicles 29:10-20; I Thessalonians 5:18

Spanish interpretation available at 11:00am service