

Bible Study – November 8, 2015

Subject: *Jesus Came to Restore Our Humanity*

I recall a picture of war with a child sitting in the ashes of a bombed out building. The caption read, “*Man’s Inhumanity to Man.*” Members of a neighborhood in Chicago execute a young boy because of a dispute with his family that goes back before the child was even born. A police officer assigned to a school, in front of the entire class and the instructor, throws a teenage girl around like a ragdoll then pounces on her as if she has just killed someone. A jet holding over 200 human beings is shot down just to spread fear and gain control.

Genesis 1:26-31 God made man in his image; male and female (Genesis 5:1-2 He called them “man”)

Genesis 3:1-8, 15, 22 humans chose to decide how they would live outside of God’s commands /way.

Vs 15 is an illusion to what God will do in the future

Genesis 4:1-9 The first murder - “... am I my brother’s keeper?”

Genesis 6:1-8 The inhumanity of man was a stink under God’s nose.

Man has failed to be the “man” or “human” God intended. In his anger and disappointment, God gives a punishment he never wanted to give. He has to do something to set up change in relations between himself and the “man” he has made.

Genesis 9:8-13 The rainbow is God’s promise never to again destroy mankind with a flood of waters.

God also symbolizing that his covenant with man; he extends hope that his good plan will still prevail.

Deuteronomy 5:29 “*O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!*”

Isaiah 7:14 The virgin birth – Emmanuel foretold

The phrase, Man’s Inhumanity to Man comes from the poem *From Man was made to Mourn: A Dirge*, 1785: by Robert Burns...

'Many and sharp the num'rous ills / Inwoven with our frame!

More pointed still we make ourselves / Regret, remorse, and shame!

And Man, whose heav'n-erected face / The smiles of love adorn, -

Man's inhumanity to man / Makes countless thousands mourn!

1 John 3:1-14 Jesus came to free us from the works of the devil and our inhuman state

John 14:15-21 This possible because of Jesus’ righteous life and death for our salvation; his resurrection from the dead; the coming of the Holy Spirit; our acceptance of Jesus as Savior; and his dwelling in us.

Galatians 5:16-25 the Fruit of the Spirit is contrary to the ways of man’s inhumanity to man

Matthew 22:36-40 Love is for God and for neighbor (all humanity) is human

Revelation 13:8 This sacrifice of the Lamb of God was pre-ordained