

04/02/2010 – Good Friday

Dear Friends,

Today we commemorate the death of Jesus Christ; the Righteous who died for the unrighteous. When Jesus died, Matthew writes, "And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom." (27:51,ESV). This is profoundly significant. The temple curtain separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. Only the High Priest could go into the Most Holy Place and that was once a year to make atonement for all of Israel. In His death, Jesus the Great High Priest, opens up the Most Holy Place so that each believer in Jesus Christ can approach God the Father. There is no longer the separation there because of our sinfulness. We are free to approach the Father through His Son's righteousness. The gift of knowing God has been given to each one who accepts the grace of Jesus Christ and is born again in Him.

There is also great significance in the curtain being torn from top to bottom. It represents God's work in salvation. Salvation works from God down to man through Jesus. It is not man working his way up to God. So when we ponder the torn curtain, it's a reminder that the path back to God has been accomplished by God Himself and not anything thing that we have done.

Take time to think deeply about God's grace given to us in Jesus. We will be having our Good Friday service at Akron Alliance this evening at 7:30 p.m.

I invite you to our Easter Celebration this Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Son-rise service

Son-rise breakfast after the service

Sunday School: 30 pieces of silver offering

Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m.: Easter Cantata, "Lest We Forget"

Pastor Andy