

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 10/20/23

Have you ever participated in a conversation with a physician, mechanic or engineer? If you are neither one, they have a habit of speaking in terms and languages that the common person cannot grasp. Mechanics, doctors and engineers are a different level of intelligence. Some understand common terms, but there are those that cannot communicate with the rest of the world, in a normative sense. I say these things not to pick on those vocations, as they are not unique.

We as veteran Christians can be culpable at times of speaking over people's heads, when it comes to our faith. Preachers can easily be the worst. Nelda shared that all ordained Methodist Elder pastors hold at least a Master of Divinity, last Sunday. That particular level of seminary degree is not far from a PHD in any other field. With that being said, pastors need to be good stewards in how we teach, what we say, and how it is communicated.

In John 3, Jesus is speaking with a Pharisee named Nicodemus, who is a charismatic leader in the Jewish community. As they speak to one another, Jesus sees that Nicodemus is not fully grasping his teaching, and immediately switches gears and sums up what really matters in verse 16, **For God so Loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.**

Have you noticed the well-liked individuals in the aforementioned vocations speak in ways that people can comprehend? I pull a heavy trailer quite often. When the truck hits a steep incline I downshift. If I fail to downshift, I am not protecting the truck's engine or transmission. As Christians, we must protect those who are not yet ready to carry a heavy load of theological knowledge. They need to begin with the basics. Just like towing on an incline, Jesus downshifts His language. Let's work together to provide God's world with the message of Love, in simple terms all can understand. Jesus is the perfect example.

Love You All!!! Have a Blessed Week, Church!!!

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Your Love. Help me to express Christian Love to a world that desperately needs to know Jesus. Use me wherever I can grow Your Kingdom. I Pray these things in the name of the Risen Christ Jesus!!! AMEN!!!