



Today is that day!!!

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The prophet Isaiah writes,

“In that day you will say: I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” – Isaiah 12: 1-2

What a magnificent song of praise, a wonderful truth. “He has become my salvation.” His, yours, mine, all; “all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13).” This was Isaiah’s

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message before it ever became our message. Notice Isaiah states, “He has become our salvation (vs. 2).” That being true, one has to acknowledge that at some point He isn’t, or wasn’t, our salvation. So what does that mean for us? It means Christ has done something, He has taken action on our behalf. And what Christ has done has made all the difference. “Sing to the Lord for He has done glorious things (vs. 5)”: The most glorious thing was His redeeming work on the cross. On the cross Christ became, what the bible calls, the propitiation (sacrifice) for sin. The word literally means “to consume or take upon oneself God’s wrath.” There was only one being that could do this, only one power that could receive, except, and overcome the justified wrath of God; that being, that power, was God Himself. Often, we Christians view the work on the cross through a “man-centered” theology. In actuality, the work on the

Upcoming events



1/16– B JV/V vs. Trimble,
6 p.m. tip

1/16– G V vs. St. Francis,
6 p.m. tip

1/17– MS B & G at
Lanesville, 6 p.m. tip

1/18 – Elementary Basketball
at 9 a.m.

1/18 – B JV/V at
Charlestown, 6 p.m. tip

1/21 – G JV/V vs. Henryville,
6 p.m. tip

1/23 – G JV/V at Springs
Valley, 6 p.m. tip

1/23 – Wrestling at Jeff

1/24 – B JV/V at Borden,
6 p.m. tip

1/25 – B JV/V vs. West
Washington, 6 p.m. tip

cross was not for man, but was for God, so that God could receive the glory due to Him. To say Christ died **for our** sin is correct, but not fully accurate. A more accurate statement is that Christ died **because of our** sin. Because of His death by which God consumed our punishment, the cross became a bridge so that man could enter into the theology and presence of God. What a wonderful message. Yesterday, today, tomorrow, it is the only message that matters. "In that day" writes Isaiah, perhaps for you "today is that day." Perhaps today is that day you "sing to the Lord for all He has done (vs. 5)"; perhaps today is that day you get up and "proclaim His name, make it known among the nation (vs. 4)"; or maybe, just maybe, today the is the day you realize that your situation is hopeless, if so, then today is the day you "call upon the name of the Lord" and experience the Hope that was won at the cross. No matter where you are in life, please know, "Today is that day."

Be well,

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