

Sermon Series: Revelation and Response

Week 2 – “Confession and Satisfaction in Christ”

Monday: Read the Sermon text again. After hearing the sermon this week and reading the Bible passage, is there a section, a verse, or even a word or two that are standing out? How is God speaking to you? Which point of the sermon was most impactful to you? Why? Spend some time in prayer asking God to work in your heart, to build your faith, to bring you to repentance, to continue to speak to you this week.

Tuesday:

Sermon Review – *Encountering the God Worthy of Our Worship*

As we recall the idea of dialogical worship – our worship as a dialog:

Did you look at the call to worship and order of service this past Sunday? Were you more aware or did you take more notice of the individual aspects/elements of the entire service (the headings) and the linkage to dialogical worship (Revelation and Response; Sight and Insight)?

Why is it important that we begin worship at APC with a Call to Worship, Hymns of Praise, and a Prayer of Adoration?

Pull out the bulletin (also accessible here: <https://alexandriapres.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/APC-Bulletin-January-16.pdf>). What attributes of God are prominent in these beginning aspects/elements of APC worship?

As you enter into worship weekly, would you continue to pay attention to the attributes of God that are noticeable in each element of our worship? This should not be done in a prescriptive way (for example: all adoration happens in the beginning, all confession is at a set point, etc). The Holy Spirit is not limited...and we should follow His leading and promptings in worship. Again, our worship is not a playbook, as much a model and we are trying to build skills.

For Isaiah, how would the response have differed without the clear vision he saw? Our vision and what we see (God and His glory) affect how we sing, pray, listen, and focus during worship. The sprinkling, throughout the service, as the Word washes over us is important. What we confess in the course of worship has something to do with what we have seen of God.

Wednesday:

Sermon Points – *Confession and Satisfaction in Christ*

(Spend only a couple minutes) What aspects of the APC mission statement did you feel Pastor Josh highlighted this week?

Sight and insight. What has God been revealing about Himself to you? What has God been revealing about yourself?

Confession (v5). How has confessing specific sin been of more value than vague confessions (the specific confession of a specific sin versus the vague “forgive me for my sins”)? Is there anything you have experienced in worship, or even in your devotions, that has resulted in a “woe

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is me” experience (something that led to confession and repentance – not despair)? What is it about what God revealed that made you feel undone? If you haven’t had this experience, is there something that is getting in the way?

Forgiveness (v7). The Fresh application of the Holy Spirit – to bring Christ’s blood to our area of need (correlation to specific sin confessed, specific sin cleansed) – results in a bearing of fruit and a deeper assurance of faith. How has a cleansed conscience/assurance of your forgiveness allowed you to worship God better? Have you noted a correlation to an increased love, joy, peace, (other fruit of the Spirit)?

Thursday:

Sermon Points (continued) – *Confession and Satisfaction in Christ*

The sermon this week zeroed in on our need for the cleansing and healing balm of the Gospel; the atonement of Christ. Our heart is most ravished when we see His glory in the cross and our sin is removed. In what ways does this connect to “rejoicing in the Gospel, transformed by its power” from the APC mission statement?

By the end of the service, did you find yourself changed or transformed in any way? For example: did you feel a deeper conviction of any specific sin; were you more thankful for how much you’ve been forgiven; thankful for knowing God in a new or deeper way; more convinced of His delight in you; grateful for a newly revealed sin, etc. Would you think about a specific example? Consider sharing that with someone.

Spend some time in prayer and include these items:

Invite the living God to show us His glory (Isaiah saw). Ask God to search us and show us what is getting in the way of seeing Him clearly and/or what is blocking our fellowship with Him (Isaiah had insight/confessed). Repent and ask Him to cleanse us of anything that is getting in the way (Isaiah received cleansing/forgiveness/assurance).

Let’s pray for fresh insight and understanding of our sin; fresh insight and understanding of our forgiveness of our sin.

Friday: Read the Sermon text for the upcoming Sunday’s sermon and look at the title of the Sermon (found on the APC website and Friday email). After reading the Bible passage, is there a section, a verse, or even a word or two that are standing out? How is God speaking to you? What do you think He wants to say to you about this passage? Spend some time in prayer asking God to prepare your heart for worship and pray that your heart will be transformed by the Holy Spirit through the hearing of the sermon.