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THE GREAT ENGINEER'S DESIGN

From the Pastor's Desk

An Obvious Solution to a Big Problem

1 Peter 1:19-20; Revelation 3:8

A pastor, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers ahead of them to move to the next hole. The engineer complained to the others, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!" To which the doctor retorted, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" Not wanting to let the moment escalate the pastor chimed in and said, "Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him."

As the man moved closer, the pastor said to the grounds keeper, "Hi George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" To which George solemnly said, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from being completely destroyed by a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

With the new information given, the group was silent for a moment. Breaking the silence the pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The Doctor being moved as well thought out loud and said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them." To which the engineer couldn't help but ask, "Why can't these guys play at night?" (Groan here)

Though the story is just a joke, we need to acknowledge that the engineer's response has got to make us ask the question: is that the obvious solution to the problem or was he just being curt? Well if you have known any engineers, you know one thing about them, they have a particular way of seeing the world that is unlike any other personality type.

However, compare to the dilemma presented in the opening paragraph, there is a much greater problem that God has solved already, and it is just a matter of agreeing with His schematic diagram. The problem is sin, and the obvious solution is Jesus Christ, His Son.

When God created the entire known universe and filled it with living creatures, among those creatures He created was humanity. All other creatures that exist alongside mankind are a lesser life form, even the angels, who are a little higher

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Aug. 1, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

Finally returning to Hillside. Tell Pastor Jim what you can bring.

Aug. 2, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Aug. 2, 4 p.m. – Bluegrass Concert

Allenstown Town Hall Lawn – Free

Aug. 29 – Old Home Day

Canceled due to the ongoing Wuhan Virus Pandemic.

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study

Working through 2nd Corinthians.

than us who are alive on earth, will take a step down from us when the church age ends.

The reason for this is that humanity is created in the image of God, which includes knowing how to love, experience joy, have peace, and exhibit concern for other things. It means we can reason, we can conceive of a future time, and contemplate on the cosmos and our place within it. We are able to plan, implement those plans, and bring to full completion all our hopes and expectations we have planned out. We have free will and are governed by our personal wants, desires, and drives.

So what did mankind do with the image of God in us? Rebellion! We rebelled against our Creator and chose for ourselves that which we wanted most to do: sin. However, God was not caught off guard when we sinned for, as the Great Engineer that He is, He had already put into action His divine design, His Son, Jesus.

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Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

There are two passages in Scripture that point out that Jesus, as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, initiated the plan of salvation before Adam and Eve sinned against God in the Garden of Eden. In 1 Peter 1:19-20 he wrote, "... but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you." (NASB) In Revelation 13:8 John wrote, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (KJV)

In 1 Peter we see that he declared that Jesus' blood was precious, unblemished, and spotless for He is the Messiah. His position in the Godhead as the Son meant that He was known by the Father before anything that exists came into being, before the foundations of the earth were laid. Being that Jesus is the Son of God and the second member of the Trinity, mankind did not know of Him clearly till He came to earth for our sake to die by the shedding of that precious blood. All of which pointed not to a God of reaction to sin, but a God who planned to deal with the sin He knew would develop in man.

To strengthen this position, John too wrote about this in the book of Revelation. Contextually those in the Tribulation who are fallen humanity who have not received Jesus unto salvation will worship the Beast. Their names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, thus they are still steeped in sin.

But notice what the passage says about the Lamb (Jesus) – that he was slain from the foundation of the world. Now we know from 1 Peter that He was foreknown before all creation came into being, but did not show up in creation until the right time to save us Christians. Thus Jesus could not have actually been physically slain before the foundation of the world was in place. Thus, the slain since the foundation of the world talked about a fixed plan and place in time in which the Son of God would come to humanity and die for our sins. What a plan! To God this was an obvious solution to a big problem.

Our God is amazing! He is without equal! He is the Great Engineer of our Salvation! No other religion prior to Christianity ever thought up a masterful straightforward solution to our sin problem like our God.

Every other religion basically accepted that mankind was the way they were and hoped that the gods would be merciful and accept them when they died, but there was no known actual plan to deal with the sin nature of man. No hope for eternal life with God. No other religion ever thought of a god who would send His own son to die for humanity. That would be ridiculous in the minds of the ancients.

That is what makes our faith so amazing: we have been shown the light and truth of Jesus as the only means of salvation. A plan put in place even before mankind was made in God's image. This shows the depth of love that our Creator has for you and for me. He weaved into the tapestry of time the coming of Jesus His Son. When the timing was right Jesus, came and died for us.

Now we do not have to worry about whether or not we will be accepted, for we know that in the blood of Christ our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. So let us take a moment and praise God that we as Christians are not blind to this truth and that we do not need to go searching for any other answers regarding eternal life, for our God is a wonderful God who has crafted not just the best means to our dilemma of sin, but has provided the only Obvious Solution, which is Jesus Christ.

God Bless
✠ Pastor Jim

Men's Breakfast

After months of avoidance due to the infamous Wuhan Virus, Pastor Jim announced that we will meet for Men's Breakfast once again on August 1st at 8:00 a.m.. Let him know what you can bring to the event.

After breakfast, we will resume our long interrupted discussion of the Book of Mark. Our discussion will start with chapter 9.

So come for food, fellowship, and Biblical enlightenment.

Fellowship Events

See above.

Property and Space Patrol

The church lawns are being mowed about every two week. If you can come and help with the mowing or with the removal of some of the brush around the grounds, that would be beneficial.

The rest of the property seems to be indecent shape.

✠ Pastor Al

Welcome New Members

On Sunday July 19, Gabriel Davis came forward at the end of Sunday Service with the intention of joining our fellowship. We convened an impromptu meeting and, on voice vote, unanimously accepted his request for membership by statement of faith.

Gabriel has been attending Hillside regularly since his mother died last year. Pastor Jim had been ministering to Gabriel's mother while she was in the hospital and then in a hospice. Gabriel was appreciative of Pastor Jim's concern for his mother and decided to start attending Sunday Services after the funeral. He finally decided it was time to join.

He recently moved and now lives in Chichester. Welcome him aboard the next time you see him.

Southern Cooking: Deviled Eggs

The following article was sent in by Cynthia Ward.

Deviled eggs can cause more trouble within families than who inherited the Chantilly Sterling from MeeMom and didn't deserve it. "Why would she need the Chantilly? She uses plastic forks at Thanksgiving! What a waste, what a waste!"

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Everyone agrees on the basics: eggs and mayonnaise. After that is where families fall apart. So much of this has to do with their church.

For instance, most Baptists tend to go with the simpler recipe. Most Methodists and Presbyterians do too, but they always use paprika on the top. Always.

Now of course you will have a rogue Baptist who will put a few capers on as garnish, but that's because secretly they want to be an Episcopalian. Episcopalians put capers on Advil. Don't ask me why. I don't make up the rules, I just play by them and add capers.

One branch goes for the simple old-fashioned recipe that might have a little relish, either dill or sweet added. If they're Baptist but have cousins who are Methodists, they might put paprika on the top.

The other branch will add all sorts of things to the filling mixture that make the purists go crazy.

"If God had wanted capers in deviled eggs he would have had the hen lay eggs and capers. This is against God's Will!" Family reunions can just be a nightmare.

I tend to go with a basic recipe but I do add capers. I'm part of that tribe. One thing I learned a long time ago was to add a little butter to my recipe. Here's why.

You know the drill. You spoon the deviled yolk mixture into the white egg jacket. Sometimes it's a little fluffy, but other times it almost gets a little soupy and ends up leveling out. Leveled out deviled eggs are bad news.

For a plate of 12 halves or six eggs, just add one tablespoon of salted REAL butter. You need to put the butter out on that white Formica countertop, the one with the gold sparkles, for about an hour ahead of time to let it soften properly. Then you just add it into your way of doing deviled eggs. Your yolk mixture will keep its form nicely and give it a slightly richer flavor.

The mayonnaise is critical. It really should be Hellman's, Duke's or Bama for best results. At no time should Miracle Whip be used, even if you're out of mayonnaise.

Here's all you need.

6 large boiled eggs
3 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons yellow mustard
2 tablespoons pickle relish sweet or dill
1 tablespoon real butter, salted
Salt and Pepper

Toppings:

Hungarian Paprika or Capers

There are so many wonderful variations out there. How do you make yours? Has it ever caused family tension? Have you had had to change religions??

Origins of Deviled Eggs

So where did deviled eggs come from? An article on history.com began with this intriguing commentary.

"Although they were not prepared the same way, the roots of modern-day deviled eggs can be traced back to ancient Rome, where eggs were boiled, seasoned with spicy sauces and then typically served at the beginning of a meal – as a first course known as 'gustatio' – for wealthy patricians.

In fact, serving eggs while entertaining was so common that the Romans had a saying, 'ab ova usque ad mala'—literally 'from eggs to apples,' or from the beginning of a meal to the end."

The web site called deviledeggs.com added this historical notes about the "deviled" term.

"The word 'deviled' first appeared in print in 1786 and was used to describe highly seasoned, fried, or boiled dishes. By the 1800s, the term 'deviled' evolved and was often used as a culinary term to describe fiery hot, spiced dishes or condiments. The use of the word was presumably adopted due to the symbolism of the devil and the excessive heat of, well, you know where."

And that's the rest of the story.

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM. For example, on Saturday nights at 6 p.m. the locally produced "Saturday Night Gospel Hour" offers a wide variety of southern and country gospel music. During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly.

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

7/22

Gabriel Davis

8/9

Nathan Frascinella



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on any people who celebrate a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, please contact the editor so he can add you to our list.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

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Submissions for Next Issue

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