

Pastor Jeff Bruns's Message

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Title: "What God Has Done"

Text: [Psalm 105:5-7](#), [2 Corinthians 5:21](#), [John 16:33](#)

Introduction: [2 Chronicles 20:6NIV](#), "Lord the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in our hand, and no one can withstand you.

King Jehoshaphat defeats Moabites and the Ammonites reminding the people that battle is not the peoples of Israel's but the Lord's. Because of what God has done.

God sets the standard.

The Israelites were headed toward the Promised Land, but they were up against nations with huge armies that were stronger and more skilled in warfare. The Israelites had just come out of slavery and were just trying to survive in the desert. They were very discouraged when Moses spoke these words to them: "Do not be afraid. Just remember what God did to Pharaoh."

What He has Done? Before we get into "What God Has Done?" The foundation of that statement because the title of the message is not a question. Because what God has done. He has set the standard of all things. He has made all things

He has set the standard that never changes.

Illustration: I am a baseball guy. When I was a little kid 5 years old, I wanted to play baseball. Organized baseball. The only problem was the age to start playing baseball in my town was 7 years old. I begged my parents to let me go and try out for the team. So, I went down and tried out and made the team. At 5 years old. I played all the way through my third year of college and left the game that I loved because of injuries. I know that baseball is extremely popular in Japan. Let me ask you today. "Do you know how wide home plate is in the Major League Baseball in America? How about in the Minor League Baseball? How about in American College Baseball? High School Baseball? Jr High Baseball? How about when I was 5 years old? It is the same measurement in the Olympic games. Seventeen inches or 43.18cm. Forty-three point One Eight cm. What do they do in Major League Professional Baseball or in Nippon Professional

Baseball, when a pitcher who cannot throw the ball over 43.18 cm. They send him home. He is out of a job.

What they do not is this: they do not say, 'Ah that is ok. You cannot hit a 43.18cm target? We will make it 45 cm, or 50 cm. We will make it 55cm, so you have a better chance of hitting that target. Are the rules changed to fit the pitcher or does the pitcher have to go by the rules?

God has set a standard that He is in control. Not us. The standard is Jesus paid the price for our sins. He is the only way of salvation. God's standard. We try to say our goodness sets the standard. We try to change the rules. Or other religions or how about not believing in anything. But God has set the standard. In a few minutes we are going to remember some things that God has set the standard, not us. He has created everything, no one else, we broke the rules which is sin, and we broke the standard. So, God sent His son Jesus to fix it. But we try to change the rules. We try to make home plate fit us. Sorry it does not work that way.

Let us remember what God has done in setting the standard.

[Psalms 105:5-7\(NIV\)](#)

[Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in the earth.](#)

His judgment is pronounced means that God is in control of everything from the rising of the sun to the setting of the sun. God Judges when to tell the seasons to change and when the tides to come in and when the rain falls.

We forget all that God has done.

[In Psalm 106:20-22 NIV "They \(the children of Israel\) exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass. They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt, miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea."](#)

We would be here for a very long time to remember all that God did for the children of Israel coming out of Egypt.

Remember the standard

Main Point #1 God has set the standard for Salvation in Jesus.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 NIV, "God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Just remember that God has made the rules for the penalty of sin which is death.

Romans 6:23 NIV, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SO THAT WE MAY UNDERSTAND

That the standard of God is based on His love for us

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15 NIV, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him (Jesus) who died for them and was raised again.

In verse 15, "Compels." Meaning that Christ's suffering before the cross and his time on the cross with is humiliation and pain and mockery was because of Christ love for us. So that love should motivate us to love others. With the love of Christ which is unconditional. Brother and Sisters love. Love Remember what he has done for you and me to remind others what he has done because of his love for them. No one else has loved them like Christ. Or will ever love them like Christ. What He Has Done!

Main Point #2 Remember What He Has Done

John 16:33NIV, "I have told you these things, so that in me (Jesus) you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart! I have overcome the world.

In John 16 Jesus was just telling his disciples about what is going to happen to him. That times are going to hard, but this hardship this trouble will bring joy. That is the standard of what God has done for us.

Jesus has given us peace. Oh AMEN! Peace of mind!

What has God done for us?

1 John 3:1 NIV “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should called children of God.”

God has given to us sanctification (being able to be set apart from the evil that is in this world), and he is given us the fullness of the Holy Spirit free of charge.

God has given to us health and healing. He took our infirmities and he carried away all our diseases. If not on this earth, when we get to heaven.

God has given to us eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, he has redeemed us from death and hell. Through Jesus Christ we died together with him, and we have been raised up together and we now seeded together with him.

Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, all our sins have been forgiven completely.

- God has given us righteousness, free of charge. We enjoy the goodness and the glory of God.
- God has given to us separation from the darkness and from the evil in this world.
- God has given us the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- God has given to us the blessing of Abraham.

Conclusion:

-But God, who comforts the downcast (the depressed) comforted us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you (The Church at Corinth) had given him. He told us about your longing for me (Paul), your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever. 2 Corinthians 7:6-7 NIV

In this passage we are reminded that puts people in our lives. Friends and brothers and sisters in Christ. We are so thankful for KIBC