

John 179 “Lord, If Only You Had Been Here” *John 11:20-24*

In Genesis, the clothing Adam and Eve manufactured for themselves when they sinned as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves is a picture of our attempts to clothe ourselves with our own self-righteous works of human good so that we might appear presentable to our fellow man and as such, presentable to God.

God soon answered their legalistic foolishness by sacrificing an animal to make clothing for Adam and Eve, a picture of His free non-meritorious grace provision of righteousness to all believers for their justification before Him.

And so, the evidence was clear, the testimony was concise, the Messiah of Israel has arrived to save the world from its terminal sin-sickness.

And as our author, the apostle John has painstakingly developed for us, Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, the God-Man Who came to earth to visit His creation and reveal and explain the very nature of God to us, so with that in mind, He is everything He claimed to be.

He is God; He is Lord and if He is Lord, He is capable of doing anything we could ever imagine and then some or better yet everything we could ever imagine and then much more!

Application of the doctrine of Divine Essence to the situation means that the Lord Jesus does not need to be present.

Believers who are occupied with the details of life are not prepared for a crisis so, all they can expect is anxious failure and surrender.

When we do not have a relaxed mental attitude regarding everything in life, we'll always want to blame others for our failures to somehow justify ourselves in our own minds.

Comfort does not come from changing our circumstances, comfort comes from applying biblical truth to our experience.

Self-righteous arrogant confidence is the opposite of humble godly confidence.

Prayer does not take up the slack for ignorance of biblical truth.

When we're under pressure is not the time to start learning biblical principles, under pressure is the time to immediately apply biblical principles already learned and stored for application!