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Dear Friends,

“And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. ³⁰ And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: ³¹ Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. ³³ And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. ³⁵ And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. ³⁶ And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.”

Luke 9:28-36

The season of Epiphany ends with the celebration of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The Transfiguration is truly a remarkable event, in which God manifests the glory of His Son to Peter, James and John. There are several significant features of this event. First of all, Matthew records that as Jesus prayed, His clothes became as white as light and His face shone like the sun. For the first time, three of the disciples perceive a glimpse of Jesus' glory. Secondly, two of the great heroes of faith, Moses and Elijah appear and speak with Jesus. The appearance of Moses and Elijah signify that the Law and the Prophets point to the coming of Jesus as the Messiah. Third, a cloud overshadows them and the voice of God the Father speaks *“This is My Beloved Son: Hear Him!”* God instructs us that Jesus is His Son and that we should listen to Him and Him alone. We do not follow any other voice than that of the Good Shepherd.

The fading of Moses and Elijah teach us that while God has used both Moses and Elijah in mighty ways, their work is finished. Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. The glory of Moses and Elijah cannot compare to the glory of the Son of God. It is interesting to note that Matthew and Mark record that Moses and Elijah were speaking with Jesus, but only Luke records what they were speaking about. They *“spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem.”* Moses and Elijah speak with Jesus about the greatest work that God would perform: sending His Son to the cross to die for the sins of the world.

The account of the Transfiguration reminds us that the message of Christianity remains rooted in the person and finished work of Jesus Christ. May God grant us grace to keep our minds and hearts fixed upon our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



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10th – Josh Bergstedt @ Seminary
17th – Ryan Kandoll @ Laurium
24th – Charles Jousma @ South Range

March

3rd – Josh Bergstedt @ Painesdale
10th – Ryan Kandoll @ Zion
17th – Charles Jousma @ Alston
24th – Ryan Kandoll @ Seminary
31st – Easter (no service)

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7th – Josh Bergstedt @ Laurium
14th – Charles Jousma @ Painesdale
21st – Ryan Kandoll @ South Range
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