

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund
2nd. School Fund

Next week: 1st General Fund
2nd Living Bread

Dear reader, many Israelites were too proud to admit their sins and did not come to the Lord for forgiveness. Many played down their sins and defended themselves fiercely. I advise you never to do so, however that is in our blood. Daniel said, "For we do not present our supplications before Thee for our righteousness, but for Thy great mercies." (Daniel 8:18) We must learn to become honest and realize

that whatever we bring to God is worth nothing. Even our righteousness is unworthy! It does not say unrighteousness, for even our best works are as filth. What a relief that we may so come to the Lord, emptied from our so-called “good works,” and desirous of God’s mercy.

Do you know who only dares to wholeheartedly confess their sins before God? Those who are convinced that He is merciful! Only those who have good thoughts of God dare to come with all their sins. Coming as a heavy laden one to God is a token of true faith. Contrarily, covering up sins reveals that you are not a Christian at all, but counterfeit. Feel free to come with all your iniquities. You would not become disappointed. May the Lord make room in our hearts for grace in Christ. Only His works were holy and immaculate. He even needed to rebuke His own mother! He did not see anything good in any of the apostles! But He came to substitute for His Church. Now sinners can be saved by grace. Dear reader, do you know anything of these matters? Do you know them with your heart? Even if you do not know this yet, the savior is stretching out His arms yet to rebellious people.

Rev. P. van Ruitenburg

Notes

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*Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.