Friday, March 13, 2009

ly person, except Jesus. we've carried in us the

separates us from God

and His love. But Jesus

comes to die for the un-

godly such that they are

connected to God and

His love. When Paul

says that Christ died for

the ungodly, he's say-

ing Christ died for you

This is wonderful

news for it means that

the sin that covered our

bodies is replaced by

the righteousness of

Christ. Therefore we

can cast on Jesus all of

our sin and know that it

is forgiven and remem-

bered no more. Clothed

with God.

and me.

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The Apostle Paul the right time Christ died Paul says rarely would fall into the righteous or makes a curious state- for the ungodly," and "but someone die for a righ- good category. In fact, ment to the Roman God shows his love for teous or good person. Left we fall into the ungod-Church: "For one will us in that while we were unsaid is that no one would ly category. From the scarcely die for a righ- still sinners, Christ died dare die for an ungod- time we were conceived teous person-though for us."

Now we see 5:7 in a What does this mean for sin handed down from person one would dare somewhat different light. us? It's easy to think we Adam and Eve. That sin

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"Jesus Died for You!"

By Rick Rostek, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton

building under construction goes through many phases. ${f A}$ An architect delights in the planning and design process, a builder finds satisfaction in putting it all together, and when it's all built, an interior designer may add the finishing touches. An expert specializes in each part of the plan.

Each of us has a plan; we could use some expert help to carry it out. We can construct our life on faith as solid as the walls of our house of worship; we can design our plan within the guidelines set forth in God's Word. Most importantly, we can pray each day for our Creator's guidance, for truly we are each "under construction."

Sunday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday 2 Chronicles 2 Chronicles 2 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Ezra 29.1-17 30.1-12 31.1-21

on the line" for the sake of another human being, and especially one who, according to society's

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Enter onto the scene Jesus, and consider the verses immediately before and after 5:7.

standards, doesn't de-

serve such action.

perhaps for a good

even to die" (Rom. 5:7,

ESV). What does Paul

mean by this? By itself,

it's a difficult passage.

One ancient scholar

suggests that if someone

dares to die for a righ-

teous or good person, it

is out of pity or due to the

good works of the per-

son for whom one might

die. However, no one

would consider dying

for an ungodly person,

one whom we might

say deserves whatever

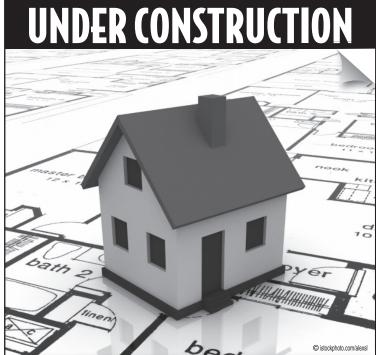
When it comes right

down to it, most people

would rather not "lay it

befalls him or her.







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with the righteousness of Christ, we have the hope of everlasting life As this season of Lent

leads us to the cross of Good Friday, remember that Jesus died for you. In His death is forgiveness and everlasting life!

Paul says, "For while we were still weak, at

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"Undefiled Eyes"

The church that continues the proclaiming of the gospel of Jesus Christ has Christians who long to have undefiled eyes. The first thought that comes to mind regarding undefiled eyes is a child of God who refrains from watching pornography or movies that are full of violence. However, Holy Spirit illuminated Christians grasp the heart of Christ and long to let Him be head of the church, His blood purchased Body of Christ.

Isaiah's fulfilled prophecy of Jesus Christ is, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears; but with righteousness He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth."

"But with righteousness" (Hebrew-sedeq) means that Christ will not be swayed by the flesh, see life as the world sees life nor listen to the lies of the devil. Christ will judge impartially and make all His decisions based from the righteousness of God His Father.

Jesus Christ being fully God and fully man came to walk and live upon this guilty sod and He shows how to live a truly righteous life under the complete will of God the Father. The church that continues the gospel message of Christ to the next generation sets their eyes upon Christ as the head of the Church, she does not set her eyes upon traditionalism, denominationalism, legalism or faddism. The church the Lord uses has Christians who make their life convictions from the whole counsel of God's Word. Their prayer is, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14) They do not spend their time arguing over how many hymns or choruses to sing or how long preaching services are. They are hungry for God's presence as revealed through the written Word of God. They spend their time prayerfully studying the whole counsel of God's Word so they can make righteous decisions. (Deuteronomy 31:12; Nehemiah 8; Act 20:7-12)

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