

CPC This Week

OCTOBER 28, 2009

MISTAKE THEOLOGY

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I settled in for an afternoon nap Sunday – a good one! But there is a downside for me when I do that. It's harder to fall asleep at night. So I was still awake, unfortunately, to watch the Yankees clinch yet another American League pennant. In the 8th inning the Angels experienced a defensive meltdown. The AP story described it this way: "Normally airtight on defense and fundamentals, the Angels made eight errors in the series and several other uncharacteristic mistakes."

Mistakes happen! We commit errors on the playing field of life. The question for us is, "How will I as a child of God live beyond my mistakes?" Abraham, David, Peter, even Paul – all had mistakes in their lives. But they refused to let those mistakes define their lives and their future. They recognized their errors, sought to right the wrong, then asked God to resume His powerful work in their lives. In short, they trusted God to love them through their mistakes.

The theological term we use for this is sanctification - the work of God's free grace by which our whole person is made new in the image of God, and we are made more and more able to become dead to sin and alive to righteousness. Remember this the next time a mistake greets you at the door. God loves us so much in Christ that He is more than able to redeem our mistakes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE/KIDS MUSICAL: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

PRESBYTERY MEN'S RETREAT - JANUARY 22-23, 2010

THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON TEXT:
JAMES 5:10-11

**OCTOBER VERSES TO
MEMORIZE: JAMES 1:2-5**

**The Persecuted Church:
UKRAINE**

Voice of the Martyrs reports the bombing of a church in Ukraine. No one was hurt.

**THIS WEEK'S FRIENDLY
REMINDER...**

**IF YOU BRING YOUR CELL
PHONE TO CHURCH,
PLEASE TURN IT OFF
BEFORE YOU ENTER
WORSHIP!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

10/28 - JONATHAN BAKER
10/28 - MICHAEL CAMPBELL
10/29 - DIANA KEHLENBRINK
10/31 - JANE ARNOLD

DON'T FORGET...

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
ENDS THIS WEEKEND.
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.**