SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

SAYS WHO?! UFORTUNATELY NO ONE…BUT GOD STILL GETS IT RIGHT, Curt Brunk 1.3.01

Note: no blanks today due to different sort of sermon. These notes are to help you track the two critical ideas

Atonement:

- God is completely righteous – cannot simply wink at sin
- God is completely merciful – He desires to make a way for those who will choose to take it
- Atonement is God's way of totally satisfying both His righteousness and mercy. And it shows us just how deeply God is love, i.e.:
  - Jesus must be "fully man"
    - Not right that animal should die for a person
    - An actual human must pay for the choices we human beings have made
    - That person must also be sinless
    - But ultimately not right that any other person should pay what I owe. Only one who can stand in for me, would be the one offended
  - Therefore: Jesus must be "fully God"
    - God is the one I offended, and in love He stands in for me.
    - Greatest act of love ever

Immutability:

- Idea that God doesn't change, can't take anything from nor add anything too
  - For Greeks spirit is stoic God
- While it is true that "God is the same yesterday, today and forever," He is not stoic in any way
  - God loves, grieves, yearns, gets angry, even wrathful (though without sinning), regrets what He's done even though He knew it would happen, etc.
  - i.e. God is deeply, intimately involved in every aspect of our lives

NEXT WEEK: Says Who?! The Keepers of the Faith

- And when Jesus ascends in bodily form, God who is Spirit is showing us how deeply gets our plight
- Theologians from both Alexandria and Antioch overemphasize His immutability and so miss who God really is

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY: (Remember to watch for God to move this week and tell us your testimony!)

I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus