



Two Pardoned Turkeys

This week President Obama celebrated what has always seemed like a silly tradition to me, in pardoning a turkey before Thanksgiving. Last year he pardoned a turkey named Apple, but he changed the tradition somewhat this year and pardoned two turkeys, named Liberty and Peace. As President Obama approached the docile birds, he held out his arm and jokingly made the *Sign of the Cross* over them. “You are hereby pardoned!” the President said. Can you see that act as a prophetic shadow of the great exchange that Pastor Roger spoke about last Sunday? We’ve been personally pardoned by what Jesus accomplished on the cross (perhaps the pardon of Apple last year—the fruit that Adam and Eve ate?), but this year’s picture is way bigger than that!

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. (John 3:16).

A Presidential pardon doesn't mean acquittal because of innocence. It means, across-the-board forgiveness, erasure of all judgment and penalty against the offending party. This is good news for us personally, and it is good news for the world! In the midst of what seems like rapid moral decline, we can have Liberty and be at Peace, free from the fear of judgment—it is *already done in Christ*. ***The Proclamation has been issued...it is done!***

When Jesus came out of that grave, He had not only succeeded in trading his judgment for yours, thus achieving your pardon; He triumphed over every principality and power, and made everything concerning this world, and the world to come, subject to Him. If your theology has you, and your nation, in the crosshairs of judgment, today is the day

for a shift in your thinking; a shift in your intercession; a shift in your prophetic declarations; and a shift in your expectations.

Too often, Christians begin to harmonize with a theology that is not the Gospel which minimizes or actually displaces the power and work of the Cross. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. The wrath and judgment of God is satisfied; He took the punishment for our sins, and by His stripes we are healed. This is the message of the Gospel that we carry: Heal the sick! Set free the oppressed! Preach the Gospel! Bring in the harvest with signs, wonders, and miracles! The Proclamation has been issued...share the news with everyone! Let's preach life, not judgment!
