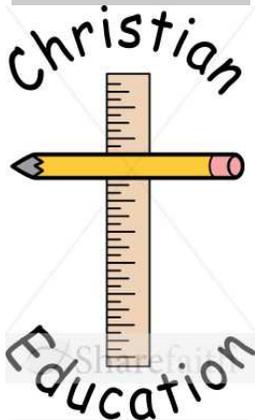


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Words from the Cross

***The people were amazed at His teaching,
because He taught as one who had authority.***

Mark 1:22

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a new school year has begun, my thoughts cannot help but turn to our Lord and His great ability to teach. In my mind's eye, I can see the people sitting there in the synagogue at Capernaum amazed, with mouths wide open, wondering what kind of man Jesus was that He was to be able to speak with such authority. It must have seemed as if God were speaking directly to them which, as we now know, was indeed the case.

St. Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus said on that occasion, but we do have ample evidence of what He said on other occasions. In St. John's Gospel he said, "*He who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.*" Unlike us, Jesus had no doubts about what He was teaching, because it was given Him directly by His Father. He is God's one and only Son, sent to die for the sins of the world, so that no one needs to perish, but may instead have eternal life through faith in Him. This message of grace and love was, and still is, astounding to sinners' ears.

In His Word, Jesus still speaks to us. The Bible is His voice and in it He teaches us the same beautiful truths He taught to those in the synagogue at Capernaum. By grace, through faith in Him, all our sins are forgiven and heaven is ours. What a teacher our Lord is!

I exhort all of you to continue to learn from Him by availing yourselves of the many opportunities for Bible study provided here at Holy Cross. Along with our wonderful Sunday school for our children, we have two adult Bible studies on Sunday mornings, a LifeLight Bible study on Monday evenings, a Wednesday morning Bible study, Slow Learners (Men's) Bible study every other Saturday morning, a Fast Learners (Women's) Bible study on Wednesday afternoons, a Pre-confirmation Class for children, instruction classes for adults, and our regular and seasonal worship services. God wants to strengthen and nourish our faith through His Holy Word so that we will be enabled to fight the good fight of faith and feel less intimidated by the world and the many false teachings that pervade our culture.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Skelton

*Oh Lord, open our ears to hear the good news
of our salvation causing our hearts rejoice.
Amen.*

