

HASTINGS U.C.Sunday Feb 24

The church is called to be somewhere
at the heart of the matter.

Glorv & Shame →

Glorv - what better place to be

Shame - just because it is called
doesn't mean that's where
it is.

Hard to be there - with anyone else

only way you can be there -

it seems - (one) of the things we are dealing with -

- no matter what words we use

strong inclination in us NOT to

be at the heart of the matter.

(another) - take ourselves to be - when we
are not.

I THINK:-

These times: Material close to the heart

of the matter - to which

The church is called to be dealing

Biblical-Christian understanding of sin

+ its remedy.

NATURE OF HUMAN EVIL ~ REALLY BE DEALT WITH

ONLY IF IT IS SEEN IN SOME KIND OF TRAGIC DEPTH

not in the simple classification of good guys + bad guys

Problem of violence:

violence is evil - should be eradicated.

Remedy for the sin of violence -

replace it with love.

Humans = warehouse containing countless complexities

get rid of some - ~~and~~ others

Remedy for sin } remove ~~it~~
 engine becomes innocent again.

That's not at the heart of the matter

More closely:-

Nature of Human Being.

Can't be without Power:-

includes - make a difference.

dist. have an effect.

root of violence - powerlessness.

I have never had power over my mother.

I. a) ~~Power~~ Necessary - to Be

① Want it - (I want my love to make a difference)

② Have it (pretend otherwise)

My Power ~~NOT~~ Destroy it to Others -
Destroy their Being -

Powerlessness → swings into violence

Came for that - make us all innocent.

→ Create a world - without power

VIOLENT WORLD OF ALL

DRIVE TO
BE
INNOCENT
confounds
SIN
w/ it itself

POWERFUL INNOCENT; - ~~VIOLENT~~ all are
the place - hidden from those

Powerless Innocent; - Powerless
need to swing into destructive violence

Are in this world
esp LOOK IN THIS WORLD

Need
WANT
HAVE

Power

Don't Damage
or well
as before

Just & Sinner at the same time

Only the who ^{accepts he} ~~is~~ just & Sinner at the same time -
can put together a society that can cope
with the reality of violence.

Saved from ~~being~~ ^{freedom} own destruction.

Remedy for Sin

know it removed

know its debt with

Knows

Take responsibility for the consequence of actions

- is Not innocent

Just & Sinner at same time → freed from ^{victim of violence} ~~in our nature~~
w/ - Good? - Not Good but Good

State ~~Good~~