

West Freeway Church

It has been one full week ago as I sit writing this article that a man entered the assembly and shot two deacons of the Lord's church with a shotgun before someone intervened and stopped him.

The year is 2020, and it is a good time for us as believers to have the *"eyes of our heart enlightened"* as Paul says in Ephesians chapter one. We do this by gaining a spirit of wisdom through knowing Jesus as Paul says in verse 17! We need to have 20/20 spiritual vision concerning what happened near Ft. Worth.

The body of Jesus assembled at the bidding of Jesus to worship God together through an assembly covered by Christ's righteousness meeting together in the Father's very presence when evil entered the church with an intent to kill his fellow man. Two deacons were murdered before this evil was stopped.

Does that mean that God the Father was not there? No, not at all. Jesus asked Martha, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? She said to him, 'Yes Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who is coming into the world.'"*

Martha did not fully understand what Jesus was saying, but she trusted Jesus and believed He is the Son of God. Our two brothers, deacons in the Lord's body, also believe as much as Martha.

They were both killed, but they are not dead. Their eternal life has not been touched by the evil that came into that congregation. The population of that body of believers did not change because two were killed in the action of taking the Lord's Supper.

What evil did was devastate those who knew and loved these two brothers in Christ. It devastated the congregation of believers, but it only strengthened their faith in God. Our prayers go out to this congregation and to the families of these two leaders in the Lord's church.

What this event did was demonstrate to us the seriousness of the battle we are in against the forces of evil. But it also demonstrates to us the power of God's love and salvation which eliminates evil!

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