

MONDAY 11.3.25 - Matthew 9:37-38

Have you ever planted a garden, lovingly cared for the growing plants, and planned a vacation away for a week or two, only to discover that the time to harvest the fruit of your labors was during that time away? Worse, what if there was no one around to help you by picking the produce and processing it to preserve it for the coming seasons? What a frustrating and discouraging situation! Yet the Lord sees “unharvested” crops all the time. He has created us, designed us, and provided for us, and has fellowshiped with us as we have accepted Him as our Savior; but too often we are too busy, distracted, or afraid to get involved in the harvest of souls who are seeking, ready and waiting to hear the good news. If we apply our gardening experiences to our spiritual understanding, we would more readily become workers in the cause for Christ and not leave souls unsaved.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 11.4.25 - Acts 13:47

It is a clear memory when the light shined on me. All that I had been reading concerning the way God had dealt with the Jews, was intended to glorify Himself to me. I am a gentile and was intended to see God through the eyes that the Jews had seen Him, eyes of faith and worship.

The Jews considered themselves ‘God’s people’ and, of course, I am not included in that collective term. But the day the light shined, I realized that all God’s true children are God’s people. How did you come to learn of God, find God and be found by God? How did I? It was through the study of God’s word, given to Jews.

They were meant to be a ‘Billboard’ to me and all other gentiles. Showing us the way. Here is proof from the Word itself, faith in God from the Jews as a “light for the gentiles to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” Halleluia!!

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WEDNESDAY 11.5.25 - Ephesians 1:7-12

“In Him we have redemption” (Ephesians 1:7)
To redeem means to purchase and set free by paying a price. There were 60 million slaves in the Roman Empire when Paul wrote to the Ephesians. Members of the church were slaves, and they could be bought and sold at the whim of their masters. However, a man could purchase a slave and set him free. This is what Jesus did for us, spiritually speaking. The price was His own blood (Ephesians 1:7). This means that we are free from the Mosaic Law (Galatians 5:1), free from slavery to sin (Romans 6:14), and free from the power of Satan, our adversary (Acts 26:18). If we were slaves, we would be poor, but because we are sons, we are rich! Enjoy your freedom and wealth in Christ.

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THURSDAY 11.6.25 - Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins under foot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Pastor David Hummel in a recent message here at Shiloh said that we sin anytime we choose to do things our way instead of God’s way. When was the last time you chose to do something your way instead of God’s way? If we are honest, it probably has not been that long ago. Isn’t it great that our salvation is not based on our work, either to gain it or to retain it? Christ paid it all, and if you have accepted Him as your Savior your debt has been fully paid.

Realizing that the precious gift of salvation, the only way to obtain a relationship with God now and the guarantee of spending eternity with Him in the future, is a gift being offered not only to us, but to everyone. Knowing this should motivate us to live our life for Christ each day, and to share the gift of salvation with others, regularly and often.

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FRIDAY 11.7.25 - Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

These verses highlight God’s compassion, mercy and forgiveness. We cannot fathom the depth of God’s love for us or comprehend the measure of his grace. Not only is God slow to anger but he does not hold on to any anger. Though He knows how we fail, fall short and wallow in sin, rather than punish us for our wretchedness, he loves us with unlimited compassion and grace. It is forgiveness that we do not deserve and exceeds human limitations.

How shall we respond to this redemption? How should you respond to the fact that the God who created the entire universe desires a relationship with you? God offers us all restoration and a fresh start.

David, who wrote this Psalm, had experienced these verses firsthand. Read all of Psalm 103 and discover the God David worshipped. You too can become, “A man/woman after God’s own heart.”

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