

**MONDAY 7.28.25 - John 5:24**

Here are the very words of the Savior discussed back in Isaiah 45:22. God and Savior are one. In Isaiah and all Old Testament, He calls to them from heaven. Here, in John 5, He speaks with them in the flesh. But while the means are different, the message is unbroken. "Whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me" will be saved. Isaiah claimed, "Turn to me and be saved all you ends of the earth."

We know that revelation was progressive, that is some details were made clearer later on. Jesus adds to His message, that believers "will not be judged but have crossed over from death to life." What a comfort it is to know that a judgement is coming for all evil done and sin. But for those who have trusted and believed in Jesus as Savior, they have crossed over. Praise the Lord!

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**TUESDAY 7.29.25 - 1 John 5:13**

John says that you can know-k-n-o-w-know for certain that you have eternal life. God wants you to have the confident assurance that if you were to die today, that you would have no doubt that you would go to heaven. Now, where does this confidence come from? We base our assurance of salvation on God the Father's promise to us. John says in verse 13: "I write these things ..." What are the "these things" John refers to? Answer: what he just stated in verses 11 and 12: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." We know we have eternal life because of God's promise. God promises eternal life to all who trust in Christ.

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**WEDNESDAY 7.30.25 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

The Lord's Table is all about remembering the death of Jesus Christ and appreciating what He did for us on Calvary's cross. The bread is a symbol of Jesus' body. When we eat the bread, it is to remind us that Jesus became a man and that His body was placed on a cross. On that cross, Jesus died physically. The juice is a symbol of Jesus' blood. When we drink the juice, it is to remind us that Christ shed His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus died as our substitute, in our place. He took upon Himself the penalty and payment for our sin. When we put our trust in Jesus, He gives us eternal life. That is what Communion is all about. When we celebrate the Lord's Table, we remember what Jesus has done for us—He died so that we might live.

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**THURSDAY 7.31.25 - Matthew 26:26**

*"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'"*

So much significance surrounds the fact that the disciples were together observing the Passover meal. The Passover is a celebration of the Israelites liberation from Egypt. Christ is using this gathering to establish a new covenant and shifting their tradition. Up until this moment, what has been a remembrance of freedom from oppression will now become a remembrance of freedom from sin through Christ's sacrifice. During Passover the Israelites were saved by the blood of the lamb and the eating of unleavened bread, remembering their deliverance from slavery. With this new meal Jesus, the Bread of Life fulfills and transforms this celebration. He becomes the true Passover Lamb, whose sacrifice brings true liberation.

As we ponder the depth of Christ's love and sacrifice, this verse becomes an invitation to come to the table through communion with Christ. Recognizing our need for a Savior, we approach the table with reverence and gratitude while we examine our hearts and lives, and as we recognize our need for a Savior.

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**FRIDAY 8.1.25 - Matthew 26:27-28**

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

A simple cup of juice, representing the most profound act of love that has ever been undertaken in the history of time. It's inspection came out of eternity past. It's implication, that sinful man would need to be made righteous so that they could come into the presence of a holy God. The application, Christ's shed blood at Calvary. The result, though the shedding of Christ's blood we might be covered in His righteousness and have access to the very presence of God both now and forever. All this is being offered to you as a gift if you only reach out in faith and receive it. My prayer for you today is first, if you have never taken the gift of Christ, that today would be the day you choose to do so. Secondly, if you have already accepted Christ as your savior, that next time you take communion you would truly consider the price that was paid for your righteousness and freedom.

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## **E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

### SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
NURSERY (through Age 3) \*9:40AM ONLY  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **SUMMER QUARTER** – Sunday Mornings at 9:40  
LOCATION: B8-10 – Gene Steinruck- began June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**EXPLORE THE BIBLE – Psalms** - Let the ancient words meet you where you are. Listen as God speaks to your heart and reminds you how much He cares about you.  
LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins July 27<sup>th</sup>.  
**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE (part 2)**  
**Risk Takers: The Adventure of Walking by Faith**  
Since our character is to match the Lord Jesus we profess to follow, consider the character traits that are critical in the life of every believer.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
**RESUMES IN THE FALL**
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)  
**RESUMES IN THE FALL**
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

### **SUMMER SMALL GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY** Began July 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – rm. B8-B10.

**FULLY DEVOTED:** by: Alex Kendrick & Stephen Kendrick

This powerful, eight-session study will take you on a journey through Jesus's invitation to come to Him as you are, trust Him with your faith, surrender to Him with your heart, follow Him with your life, and then intentionally make disciples of others. Led by Barry Wills.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,  
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

## ***We Believe ... In Man's Need for Salvation***

How can a person know for certain that they'll go to heaven when they die? John 3:16 tells us!

### 1. For God So Loved the World ...

God is a just God, and He demands payment for sin. However, He's also a loving God, and He desires that you live with Him in heaven when you die.

### 2. That He Gave His One and Only Son ...

Jesus was put to death on a cross, but His death was no ordinary death—it was a very unique death. When Jesus was on the cross, God placed the sins of the world on Him. Jesus became our substitute. He died for our sins in our place. He took the punishment for our sins.

### 3. That Whoever Believes in Him ...

The word "believe" means to "trust." You must trust in Jesus alone to forgive your sins, apart from your works. The good works that you perform will not remove your sins and make you acceptable to God.

### 4. Shall Not Perish But Have Eternal Life

If you trust in Jesus alone to forgive your sins, then when you die, you won't go to hell—a place of torment and suffering. Rather, you'll have eternal life. That is, you'll go to heaven, and you'll live with God in complete happiness.

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ died for me and rose from the dead. I trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank you for the forgiveness and eternal life that I now have. In Jesus' name. Amen."

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



July 28 – August 1

#### INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

#### OVERVIEW:

Monday and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from July 27<sup>th</sup>, "We Believe ... In Man's Need for Salvation" with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, "We Believe ... In The Lord's Table", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

#### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever  
Hebrews 13:8