

MONDAY 8.18.25 - Matthew 28:19

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

As I share my thoughts today, I do not want to downplay the importance of public baptism. I do want to point out that salvation and baptism are two different things. Many people have been saved for years before they choose to be baptized and some never choose to be baptized. What I do want to point out is that scripture talks about two kinds of baptism. The one baptized is a way of telling the world that we have accepted Christ. The other baptism, spoken Romans 6, tells us that sin no longer has power over us. Having been baptized into Christ's death and raised to newness of life we now, for the first time, have power over sin. That's right, as a believer in Christ you have, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the power to overcome sin in your life. Let me encourage you today to claim the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome whatever sinful behavior you might be struggling with.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 8.19.25 - Acts 2:38

Based on Acts 2:38, some people conclude that Christian baptism contributes to eternal salvation. However, the New Testament is emphatic on the point that eternal salvation is a free gift of God based not upon human work or religious ritual of any kind, but only upon faith in Jesus Christ (John 1:12; 3:16, 18, 36; 5:24, etc.). Those who believe in baptismal regeneration build their argument on the Greek preposition *eis* ("for") found in Acts 2:38. However, that preposition possesses a wide range of meaning, including "because of." Ultimately, context must determine the meaning of a word, and "because of" fits the context and usage of the term in Acts 2:38.

Therefore, baptism would be based upon the previously received forgiveness of sins and would offer outward testimony to that inward experience. Trust in Jesus for eternal life and then be baptized as an outward demonstration of your faith.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 8.20.25 - 1 John 3:8

Sin didn't originate with God. Sin originated with Satan, the devil. Satan—as an angelic being—was part of God's creation. God created him as a good celestial spirit, but Satan chose to rebel against God (see Ezekiel 28). At the beginning of creation, God made Satan as a beautiful spirit being. However, Satan became proud of his beauty and rebelled against God. He tried to usurp God's position and power. So, God judged Satan, and he became a fallen, evil spirit. Genesis chapter 3 reveals that Satan tempted Adam and Eve to sin. So, our first parents rebelled against God by eating the forbidden fruit as Satan enticed them to do. Since then, Satan has been rebelling against God and tempting mankind to do the same from that time forth. Be on the alert against your adversary, the devil. He seeks to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10a).

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 8.21.25 - Ephesians 6:11-12

The great enemy of mankind, called a serpent because of his subtlety and deception some commentators say, is always against us. Tis true we fight against our own corruption but also against the spirit of evil.

His kingdom is of darkness, but God's is of Light. We have no armor able to withstand the assaults from him or his emissaries. Only God's armor, both prepared for us and provided to us, is able.

We are admonished here to call upon all the graces of God in our fight, so that we are not exposed in any fashion. Some writers contend that the devil works to deprive us of any heavenly blessing or grace. They assault us on things belonging to our souls. This may be so as the battle is spirit against spirit. Therefore, we need to exercise the graces of God to battle them and stand. Call on them, Fight on!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 8.22.25 - James 4:7

As portrayed in numerous passages, Satan is wicked, powerful, deceitful, cunning, and constantly in search of prey. But we are told to resist him, and he will flee from us. How is that possible? It isn't - in our own strength. The secret to withstanding the devil is the command in the first part of the verse: submit to God. Verse 8 continues, "Come near to God and He will come near to you...." II Thess. 3:3 gives us further encouragement, "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one." We do have a part to play in resisting the devil: the choice to allow the Lord to rule in our hearts instead of relying on ourselves. We should keep in mind the words from the old song, "I am weak but Thou art strong." Putting God first defeats the devil and draws us close to Him.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

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** **FALL QUARTER** – Sunday Mornings at 9:40
LOCATION: B8-10 – Lane Kemler- begins Sept. 7th.
EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Numbers& Deuteronomy
Recount how the nation of Israel wandered in the wilderness for four decades and how God taught them to be His people as they approached the promised land.
LOCATION: B11 – Shawn Devlin – begins Sept. 7th.
BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE:
The Greatest Truths of All Times
We begin with the one truly "Greatest of All Time", God Himself, and consider five great truths that lead us to the greatest hope of all time.
LOCATION: B1-2 – Joel & Tara Day – begins Sept. 7th.
EVERYDAY EVANGELISM: Sacred Marriage
What if God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy. It can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
RESUMES Sept. 14th
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
RESUMES Sept. 14th
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

SUMMER SMALL GROUP

WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY Began July 9th 6:30pm – rm. B8-B10.

FULLY DEVOTED: Led by Barry Wills.

Jesus invites you 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.

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 The Lord's Table

Four major, yet distinct views have developed concerning the Lord's Table:

1. T_____

This belief teaches that the bread and juice mysteriously and miraculously change into the actual body and blood of Jesus.

2. C_____

This view states that the body and blood of Jesus is in, with, and under the bread and juice, but the elements remain unchanged.

3. S_____ P_____

This teaches that there is a special existence of Christ in the elements.

4. S_____ M_____

The elements represent the body and blood of Jesus. In eating and drinking, we are reminded of what Christ does.

We remember what Christ ...

- Has Done In the Past–R_____
➢ 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
- Will Do In The Future–R_____
➢ 1 Corinthians 11:26
- Is Doing In The Present–R_____
➢ 1 Corinthians 11:27-28

"We believe that the Lord's Table was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ and that all obedient believers should not forsake the assembling of themselves together to remember Him in His death, until He comes again." ~ Shiloh Doctrinal Statement

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



August 18 – August 22

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 August 17th, "We Believe ... In The Lord's Table", with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on August 24th, "We Believe ... In Our Adversary The Devil", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

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