

MONDAY 9.1.25 - John 14:1-4

For countless people, today's passage has brought deep comfort in times of personal loss or sadness. Jesus commanded, "Let not your heart be troubled"; then went on to explain why. When we are distressed, we need to remember His words. He is preparing a place for us in heaven and is going to return for us. Our life on earth isn't endless. We have the hope of a glorious eternity before us. As it says in Psalm 30:5 "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." Jesus is that morning for those who believe in Him; He provided the way to restore fellowship with God. His second coming will be even more amazing. We will be ushered into His kingdom for eternity. In the meantime, we live with the hope of His words and the comfort of the Holy Spirit as we anticipate His return. As John said in Rev. 22:20b "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 9.2.25 - 1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

I have talked to many people about what heaven will be like. People ask:

- Will there be animals in heaven?
- Will we have a physical body in heaven?
- Will we have a job and work to do in heaven?
- Will we see and know our loved ones in heaven?

It is fine to wonder about what heaven will be like, but it is far more important to live our lives each day with a heavenly mindset. On the day that you find yourself standing before the Lord, I know that each of you want to hear Him say, well done, you have run the race and have finished well, enter now and receive your eternal reward.

May each of you purpose to live each day in a way that, in all you do, you are striving to please God realizing that today may be the day that you find yourself in God's very presence, and that you will hear Him say "well done my good and faithful servant".

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 9.3.25 - Matthew 24:3

Jesus informs His Apostles that the Temple will be destroyed one day. Now, the disciples equate the destruction of the Temple with the end of the world (verse 3). So, they ask Jesus about His second coming at the end of the world. They want to know: When will it happen? and What will be the sign preceding it?

Jesus answers both questions. However, He answers the second question first: "What will be the sign of your coming?" His answer is found in verses 4-35: The events of the Tribulation Period. Then, Jesus answers the first question: "When will this happen?" He gives the answer in verses 36-51: No one knows!

The future seven-year Tribulation Period will be a time of terrible persecution for believers. Take a moment to pray for your brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering for the cause of Christ right now.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 9.4.25 - Daniel 9:27

The end times are of great interest to Christians. And believers at Shiloh have studied the end times for many years, knowing that they surely are coming and we anticipate that the rapture comes

in advance and precludes true believers from having to endure it. Yet those living people will endure whatever it is that is described as the tribulation and die in its midst. After their deaths comes the second death of being destined to hell forever.

Whatever is described as being "desolate," it is terrible. No one would want to live in such a time. But the verse concludes noting that there is a decreed end for the 'desolator.' Two things are so clear here: Satan and Evil will bring terrible times on any alive then; but God will have the final say. Believers are redeemed by the blood of Jesus, saved from a hell we certainly deserve. So, praise Him!

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FRIDAY 9.5.25 - Jeremiah 30:7

Jeremiah 30-33 is filled with prophecies that speak of a future and a hope for the Jewish people. The time of Jacob's trouble describes a period of distress for the nation of Israel in the end times. It corresponds to the Great Tribulation designated by Jesus (Matthew 24:15-22) and the last 3½ years of Daniel's Seventieth Week (Daniel 9:27). During this time, the Antichrist (an end time ruler) will be allowed by God and empowered by Satan (Rev 13:4-5) essentially to have free reign on the earth. He will attempt to destroy the Jewish people in the greatest holocaust the world has ever seen. Yet, in the midst of this horrible time to come, God makes the sure promise that He will save Jacob, which is a prophecy that will be fulfilled when the Messiah returns to deliver Israel, an event described by Paul (Romans 11:26-27) and by the prophet Zechariah (13:8-9).

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.
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

LADIES FALL STUDY - DARING JOY - by Nicole Zasowski
begins Oct. 2nd at 9am - Rm B8-10- 7-week study. (No class on 10/9)
Engage with the stories of six women in the Bible in new ways as you encounter different pieces of the human experience and God's heart for your joy. Learn to see celebration as an avenue of growth and intimacy with God.

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 Christ's Return (Part 1)

Paul gives four words of encouragement concerning Christ's coming to unify us.

1. R_____ (v 15)
 - Jesus Christ is _____

Each chapter of 1 Thessalonians concludes with a reference to Christ's coming. We find it in 1:9, 2:19, 3:13, 4:15, and 5:23. However, we do not know when Jesus will come.

2. R_____ (vv 13-16)
 - The _____ of deceased believers will _____

Jesus will bring back those who have fallen asleep in Him. He will return with the spirits of dead believers. The Bible teaches that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 3:20).

3. R_____ (v 17a)
 - Living believers will be _____

The believers who are living on the earth will be taken up—body and spirit—into the clouds of the air to meet the Lord. Their physical bodies likewise will be changed into the image of Christ's resurrection body (1 John 3:2).

4. R_____ (v 17b)
 - Christians will _____ with the Lord

One day, Jesus will return. We will meet Christ in the clouds of the air, and He will take us back to heaven to be with Him.

“We believe in the ‘blessed hope’ as the next great event in God's program when the dead in Christ shall be resurrected and the living saints translated and caught up together to meet Him in the air.”

~ Shiloh Doctrinal Statement

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



September 1 – September 5

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 31st, “We Believe ...In The Return of Christ” (pt.1)”, with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on September 7th, “We Believe ...In The Return of Christ” (pt.2)”, with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

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