

MONDAY 11.28.22 — John 8:34-36

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

In our country we place a very high value on the idea of freedom. We stand up for it. We are even willing to die for it. Still, so many of us live our lives in slavery to sin. True freedom can only be found in Christ. If Christ is your Lord and Savior, you have been freed from the penalty of sins. As a son or daughter of God you are free from the power of sin. Non-believers say, "religion is just a bunch of rules for me to obey." Christians know just the opposite is true. We realize that our salvation is a gift, and our service to God is not a matter of obligation but appreciation. True freedom comes because of our overflowing love for our Savior, who was willing to die so we could be set free. As it says in John 8:32 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 11.29.22 — Galatians 5:13-14

Pastor Lyon taught that God's power overcomes every sin, chain, dungeon, and cell that burdens us, whether we found it ourselves willingly, which we do, or which the world poured on us. But in God's providence, His power is broader still. True, it is so individual as to work in my own heart and it regards my own body and soul, freeing me from myself and my sin. David said in Ps 51:3 "my sin is ever before me." That remains true for each of us. God's power can free us. But as Pastor taught, God's power reaches out to others through us, freeing them, also. Sunday's text showed Paul's words and actions lead to freedom for many in his community. Through our willingness to speak and act, God intends and wishes to work freedom in our community. Some out there can only dream of such freedom until they meet us. Will we meet Him there and participate?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 11.30.22 — Matthew 28:18-20

It's possible for a church to conduct a multitude of programs and every kind of activity imaginable—and yet accomplish nothing of eternal value. A church must know its mission and design its ministries to fulfill that mission. What is the mission of Shiloh Bible Church? What are we supposed to be doing as a local church? We don't need to survey our congregation or take a vote of our membership to discover the answer. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave the Church its mission—"make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). How is that accomplished? The answer is two-fold: by evangelizing unbelievers ("Therefore, go ...") and edifying believers ("... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"). Pray that Shiloh would be faithful in fulfilling the mission that God has entrusted to us.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 12.1.22 — 1 Chronicles 16:24-27

When do we share about God's glory? Where do we share His wonderful works? Is it mostly in church on Sunday mornings? Don't others at church already know about such things? Where else can we share this Good News? What nations or cultures do you have access to? To what peoples are you uniquely qualified to connect with and spread the Gospel? When we hear the word 'missionary', we often think of others travelling the world, Bible in hand, teaching about God. But, what about you? Are you a missionary? Do you

have a mission? Have you been assigned an important task or duty? I like to think we all have a narrative to share with someone. Someone out there is waiting to hear about you and your faith journey. The key is to be open to the opportunity when it presents itself. Today, pray that God will open your eyes to the opportunities to share your unique story.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 12.2.22 — Psalm 22:27

HE HAS DONE IT! Our mission to the world tells the good news of God's salvation to all classes (the poor in verse 26 and the rich in verse 29), to all races and nations (verse 27), and to all generations (verse 30). What is this universal message? It is that salvation is something not that we attain but that he attains and gives. "He has done it!" cries David. "It is finished," cries Jesus (John 19:30), using the Greek tetelestai, a term that has the connotation of payment. "I have paid your debt to the last penny; I have drained your cup to the last drop," he says. There is now no condemnation left for us (Romans 8:1).

PRAYER: Father, my mind knows the doctrine—that my salvation and standing with you depend not on my works but on Christ's works. Yet my heart doesn't fully believe it, and so I go back and forth between pride and self-loathing, depending on my performance. Let my heart fully grasp that "salvation is from the Lord" (Jonah 2:9). Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:40AM

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
NURSERY (through Age 3)
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available during the 9:40 service
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** Winter Sunday Morning E2 Classes
Beginning Dec. 4th at 9:40
Explore the Bible - Gene Steinruck
Masterwork - David Hamilton, Randy Hutchison
Where Do We Go From Here - Joel Day, Barry Wills

SUNDAY EVENINGS — 6:00PM

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
CURRENT SERIES: Answers for Kids
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
5th–8th Grade meet downstairs
9th–12th Grade meet upstairs
- Adults** DIVE DEEPER WITH DOUG
LOCATION: Worship Center
See your bulletin for special Sunday evening events during November.
November 27th - Baptism & Elder Installation

ADVENT STUDIES "MISSING PEACE"

Begins the Week of November 27th

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM YAC Barry Wills

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM Home of John & Heather Vance

WOMEN'S ADVENT STUDY 9:40AM Sunday Mornings

SEE BULLETIN INSERTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

WINTER E2 CLASSES - Beginning Dec. 4th at 9:40AM

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9am-11am - Women's Study - YAC

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES, PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

Acts 19:8-20
Breaking Free

Many people in Ephesus were in bondage. They were in bondage to the world, the flesh, and the devil. That was 2,000 years ago, but things haven't changed. People today are still in bondage. How do you break free? It involves three commitments.

1. Place your _____ (vv 8-10)
 - John 8:32

The Bible teaches us that we're sinners. We've broken God's laws. Because we've disobeyed God, we must be punished. That punishment is going to hell—a place of torment and pain. The good works we do in life won't prevent us from going there. That's why Jesus came to earth. He lived a sinless life, and He died on a cross for our sins. When you put your faith in Him to forgive your sins, He gives you eternal life. So, when you die, you won't go to hell. Rather, you'll go to heaven—into the very presence of God.

2. Put on _____ (vv 11-16)
 - Mark 16:20
 - Galatians 5:19-23

God doesn't expect you to perform miracles, but He does want you to live an extraordinary life—a life different from the world, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit.

3. Put off _____ (vv 17-20)
 - Proverbs 28:13
 - Job 31:1
 - Psalm 101:3

You might not be involved in the occult like these Ephesians were. You might not be involved in Ouija boards, tarot cards, seances, or Wikan. However, you might be involved in another life-dominating sin like many people are today. Perhaps you're involved in sexual sin.

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



November 28th – December 2nd

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's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from Senior Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message from Quarterly Missions Speaker, Dr. Dale Marshfield, Grace Global Ministries.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name." – ACTS 10:43