

MONDAY 6.26.23 – John 4:39-42

This scripture is a prime example of someone witnessing to their own neighbors and turning them to Christ. The Samaritan woman took the news of Jesus at the well back to her neighbors and because of her, they believed and wanted to meet Jesus themselves. Once they met with Jesus, their faith was cemented. Note in the surrounding Scripture that the disciples had also gone into town, yet they returned with no villagers. These men, who walked alongside Jesus and learned directly from Jesus, did nothing to stir the hearts of the townsfolk. They were not connected with the town like the natives were. Yet, one native woman (who Jesus should not have been associating with in the first place) went and told her neighbors of her experience with Christ and everything changed. God has commissioned each of us to ‘go and make disciples’. Someone out there is waiting for you to share your encounter with Jesus. Let’s not keep them waiting. GO and LOVE!!!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 6.27.23 – Philippians 3:17-20

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we read today’s Scripture, the apostle Paul opens the passage by telling us to keep our eyes on those who live for Christ. He then goes on to warn us about following those who, as he describes them, have their minds set on earthly things. How many people do you know who have chosen to live only for today with no concern for tomorrow or spiritual things? They must have all the fancy toys and an extravagant lifestyle, even if it brings them to financial ruin. They are concerned only with themselves and enjoying the moment but have no concern for their eternal life or the eternal lives of those around them.

Paul then closes the passage by reminding us that our citizenship is in heaven. I want to encourage you to examine your life today. Are you living your life for the things of this world or like a citizen of heaven?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY – 6.28.23 – Galatians 3:15-22

You have written a will, and in it you specify who gets what and when. Soon after your death, family members and friends gather to hear your will read. Some are pleased by what they hear; others are surprised, disappointed, or even angry. The will can be contested, but no one can alter or annul its terms if it is demonstrated that you had full control of your mental faculties when you made it. Now, if a man’s will can’t be revised or revoked, how much more immutable and indestructible is a promise made by the eternal God. In Galatians 3, Paul points out that God has promised to justify—declare right in His eyes—sinners by faith. The Law of Moses (which came over 400 hundred years later) cannot supersede God’s promise of justification by faith in Christ Jesus.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 6.29.23 – Genesis 12:6-9

God’s promises are all ‘yea’ to us, the Scriptures teach (2 Cor 1:20). That is, what he promises to us is going to come to pass. There is a certainty and a surety to His promises to us. Because He knows us better than we know ourselves, His timing sometimes appears to be out of sync with our lives. But what is out of sync is not God’s timing of promises but our belief of God’s promises. If Abram, at age 99, could willingly and trustfully receive God’s promises of an inheritance to his heirs,

when as yet he had none, then we should be able and willing to do so as well.

Though God may not be promising you a child, He is promising you something. Read the scriptures, pray and ask God to reveal His promises to you. Then wait for one’s appearance and believe and trust.

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FRIDAY – 6.30.23 – Psalm 145:13

“Promises Made, Promises Kept” has been a political slogan with which we have become all too familiar! Lacking *results*, however, is quite a different story!!

In this psalm, David gives us a song of praise to our God! David seems filled to the point of bursting with adoration and glory to our God and King. He recounts God’s greatness, majesty, deeds, goodness, righteousness, mercy and patience.

In the midst of his glorious song, as almost an afterthought, in parentheses, no less, David adds, “The Lord is faithful in all His words”. No political posturing here. No empty human promises which cannot or will not be fulfilled. Our Lord God is faithful in ALL His words. Herein is the Christian’s great hope – from forgiveness of sins, His unfailing presence, the gift of the Holy Spirit to our resurrection to life everlasting. Promises made. Promises kept. He is faithful in all His words!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:40am

Kids CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Ages 4 — 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
NURSERY (through Age 3)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th — 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults SUMMER QUARTER BEGINS JUNE 4th
LOCATION: B8-10 with Scott Naus
Explore the Bible – *Jeremiah and Lamentations*
LOCATION: B11 with Barry Wills
Masterwork – Beginning 6/4, a seven-week study, *The Good Life by Dr. Derwin L. Gray. Jesus came to earth on a mission of reconciliation. The invitation card is known as “The Beatitudes.”*
LOCATION: B1-2 with Joel Day
Everything You Need – *Author David Jeremiah uses 2 Peter 1:3-11 to show you the path to spiritual and personal transformation.*

SUNDAY EVENINGS — 6:00pm

Kids MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten — 4th Grade)
Break for summer.
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
“KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM”
Standing Strong in Today’s Battle for Truth
July 16 – 20, 2023 - 6:00pm – 8:15pm
Ages 3 – through 6th Grade

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

Justification is the act of God whereby He declares a sinner “not guilty.”

In Galatians 3, Paul shares six verses from the Old Testament to prove that a person is justified by faith—not by works.

Proof #1— _____ is justified by faith (vv 6-7)

- Cf. Genesis 15:6

Proof #2— _____ are justified by faith (vv 8-9)

- Cf. Genesis 12:3

Proof #3—The _____ does not justify (v 10)

- Cf. Deuteronomy 27:26

Proof #4— _____ comes by faith (v 11)

- Cf. Habakkuk 2:4

Proof #5—Only perfect obedience to the _____ will justify (v 12)

- Cf. Leviticus 18:5

Proof #6—Christ’s death provides _____ (vv 13-14)

- Cf. Deuteronomy 21:23

Application:

Jesus died on a cross for your sins. When you trust in Him for forgiveness, He gives you eternal life. Place your faith alone in Christ alone and you’ll be justified—declared right in God’s sight.

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



June 26th – June 30th

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, “Reverse the Curse” with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday’s through Friday’s devotions will help prepare us for the message on 7.2.23, “Promise Keeper” with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE: “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.” Galatians 1:3-4