

MONDAY 7.3.23 – Numbers 23:19

Today’s scripture poses the following question: “Does he promise and not fulfill?” *Chasing Vibrance* website shares the following “Promises of God in the Bible to Claim Everyday”:

- 1. God’s promises never fail — *Joshua 21:45*, 2. God is always good — *Psalms 119:68*, 3. God is always with me — *Joshua 1:9*, 4. God is faithful — *Hebrews 10:23*, 5. God is kind and compassionate — *Isaiah 54:10*, 6. God designed me for a purpose — *Ephesians 2:10*, 7. God loves me deeply, no matter what — *Romans 8:38-39*, 8. God gives me power for my life — *2 Timothy 1:7*, 9. God’s presence brings joy — *Psalms 16:11*, 10. God will fill me to overflowing with hope — *Romans 15:13*, 11. God will strengthen and help me — *Isaiah 41:10*, 12. God will give you wisdom — *James 1:5*, 13. God promises you an abundant life — *John 10:10*, 14. God has a plan for my life — *Jeremiah 29:11*, 15. God can be trusted — *Hebrews 10:23*

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 7.4.23 – 2 Peter 3:9

⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

I do not know about you but for me, as I get older it seems like I long for the day I will be with Jesus in Heaven. Free from the stress and pain of this world, standing shoulder to shoulder with my fellow brothers and sisters in the very presence of Jesus. Still, today’s verse points to the fact that God is patient in taking me home because He wants others to come to a saving knowledge of Him. If God has not taken me home yet I can only assume that He still has a purpose for me, and from today’s verse I see that purpose involves sharing the love of Christ with a lost world that others may come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Did you wake up this morning on this side of heaven?

If so, God is not done with you either. And guess what, His purpose is that same for you as it is for me. Go and share the love of Christ with your friends and neighbors while you still have time.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY – 7.5.23 – Galatians 3:23-29

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

It was the responsibility of a Greek or Roman guardian to keep watch over minor children until they reached legal adulthood. After that, the son no longer needed supervision. The Old Testament Law acted as a guardian for the nation of Israel. The Law kept the Jews “in line,” so to speak, until the arrival of the Messiah when the full revelation of the gospel was given to the world. When any person—whether Jew or Gentile—places their faith in Jesus for eternal life, they become a child of God and belong to His family. The ground is level at the foot of the cross. No one is any better than anyone else. We are all equally brothers and sisters in the Lord and fellow members of God’s family through trust in Christ.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 7.6.23 – Deuteronomy 7:6

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.”

Today’s scripture speaks for itself. God chose YOU to be HIS. You should not shy away from this fact. You should embrace it. Not only that, but you should also be even more steadfast.

The versus prior to this one include specific instructions on how God’s people were to act toward those who opposed their faith...

“you must destroy them totally, make no treaty with them, show them no mercy, do not intermarry with them, do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their idols in the fire.” God chose you! Your faith is not meant to be passive! Armor up!!!

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY – 7.7.23 – Psalm 95:6-7

Uncle Albert was quite the character in my hometown in New Jersey! *Everyone* knew him. Roaming around town after his early shift at the hospital, he would befriend storekeepers, neighbors and, especially the police where he would visit the station. One day I spotted him from the school bus and pointed out **my** Uncle Albert! I was quickly told he was *everyone’s* Uncle Albert. But he wasn’t! He really was my mom’s brother!!

OMG is exclaimed by those around us daily! The phrase is used like a comma! But, Christian, **He IS OUR God!** We are his children! It matters not how many people use His Name. Unless they have bowed down to Him and claimed His Son as their only hope, He is not their God! Today, kneel before your Maker and worship him – **your God, your Father!** What a comfort! What a blessing!

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
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** SUMMER QUARTER BEGINS JUNE 4th
LOCATION: B8-10 with Scott Naus
Explore the Bible – *Jeremiah and Lamentations*
LOCATION: B11 with Barry Wills & Shawn Devlin
Masterwork
6/4 - *Good Life* by Dr. Derwin L. Gray
7/23 - Gideon
LOCATION: B1-2 with Joel Day & Vince DiLoretto
6/4 - **Everything You Need** – *by David Jeremiah*
7/23 - **In the Steps of the Savior** – *by Max Lucado*

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

E2 SUMMER SMALL GROUP – Beginning 7/26 at 6:pm

LOCATION: B8-10 with Barry Wills
The Awe of God, by John Bevere

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!

Galatians 3:15-22 *Promise Keeper*

False teachers had infiltrated the Churches of Galatia. They convinced the Galatian believers that they had to obey the Old Testament laws to have eternal life. However, you don't earn eternal life through obedience to God's laws. Rather, you receive eternal life as a free gift. God promises to give you eternal life if you simply trust in Jesus for it.

1. The Law can't _____ the Promise (vv 15-18)

The laws God gave to Israel do not cancel, annul, or negate the earlier promise He made to Abraham.

2. The Law can't _____ the Promise (vv 19-20)

The promise God gave to Abraham is greater than the laws He gave to Israel.

- The Law is _____

- The Law is _____

The Law doesn't make people sin. The Law just reveals man's sinfulness. It shows man's inability to keep God's laws.

3. The Law isn't _____ to the Promise (vv 21-22)

Rules can't make you holy. Only Christ can. Only He can forgive your sins and give you eternal life, and He does so, if you place your faith in Him for it.

Application:

How does the Old Testament Law relate to your life today? In three ways:

- _____ that the Law was important, but limited
- _____ your life in God's Promises, not the Law
- _____ on the Spirit rather than the Law for the motivation you need to live life

E2 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



July 3rd – July 7th

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, "Promise Keepers" with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on 7.9.23, "The Tutor" 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