

**MONDAY 3.11.24 - 2 Acts 17:30-31**

<sup>30</sup>In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup>For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Christ left heaven, came to earth, lived among us, and died a horrible death on the cross. He did all of this for you and me, and that, in and of itself, is amazing, but that was not enough. He needed to not only die, but to overcome death by raising from the dead. His sacrificial death for our sins met the standard that God had set. His resurrection was the ultimate defeating blow to Satan. In Romans 10:9-10 we are told “If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved”. Christ paid it all. Salvation is offered to us as a free gift, but it is only ours if we reach out in faith with a repentant heart and accept it. Have you accepted the gift of salvation? If not, why not do it today before it is too late.

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**TUESDAY 3.12.24 - Revelation 20:11-15**

This is a serious topic, one often overlooked or avoided. Some people cannot face the inevitability of their mortality, others cannot face what will come afterward. But the truth is that all will stand before the judgement seat of Christ. Scripture teaches that death is appointed to all men and after that the judgment. It is wise then for all people to be ready to participate in such an activity. The Bible’s final book describes the end when all people are judged and explains the terrible end to await the majority of creation. Even death and Hades are cast into a burning lake of fire. But the Gospel offers hope, the only hope.

Those whose names appear in the Book of Life are received into heaven with the Father, Son and Spirit and spend eternity with them. Be certain today that each of our names appear in that Book of Life.

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**WEDNESDAY 3.13.24 - John 3:22-36**

John the Baptizer was a popular preacher of his day. Although his wardrobe and diet were unconventional, people from all over Israel came to hear his message of repentance and to be baptized by him. John had a substantial following. However, John’s mission was not to point people to himself. John came to announce the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah of Israel. John refers to himself as the “friend who attends the bridegroom” (v 29) and to Jesus as the bridegroom Himself. At a wedding, all eyes are on the bride and groom, not their friends. In evangelism, we must place the focus on Christ and not on ourselves. John emphasizes this point by stating, “He must become greater; I must become less” (v 30). In light of this passage, we should continually examine our motives. Are we seeking to exalt ourselves or to point people to Christ?

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**THURSDAY 3.14.24 - Isaiah 45:23-24**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” Proverbs 9:10. When we read today’s passage from Isaiah, we cannot help but be struck by the manifestation of God’s power and majesty when every knee bows before Him.

We should fear Him, but with a fear wrought by our knowledge of and respect and love for Him, leading to a desire to keep His commandments. In that fear, we have the opportunity to learn that God loves us and wants to deliver and strengthen us. When we know Him and acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior, we can come before Him as His children, not in dread, but in hope - unlike “all who have raged against Him” who will “be put to shame.” The fear of the Lord will help us live by His wisdom so that we are not deluded by being wise in our own eyes. Proverbs 3:7

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**FRIDAY 3.15.24 - Psalm 96:13**

The Book of Psalms is a collection of prayers to and praises of the God of Israel. The collection was not arranged in chronological order. Psalm 90 was the first psalm written, and Psalm 137 was the last psalm composed. Psalms 1 and 2 were placed at the beginning of the book in order to emphasize the importance of God’s Word and God’s Messiah. Psalm 2 speaks of the Anointed One (Messiah) and His greatness. The New Testament identifies Jesus as the Messiah and Psalm 2 as fulfilled in Him (Acts 4:25-27). In the End Times, the nations of the world will gather against the Messiah. However, they will be defeated, and He will rule and reign over the earth. Therefore, we are encouraged to submit to the Messiah (“kiss the Son”) and to trust in Him to secure His favor (“take refuge in Him”). Let us exalt our great Lord!

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## 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** **SPRING QUARTER** - March 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 26<sup>th</sup>  
LOCATION: B8-10 with Dave Decamp  
**Explore the Bible** - *Genesis 20-50*.  
LOCATION: B11 with Shawn Devlin  
**Bible Studies for Life** - "It's All About Jesus"  
LOCATION: B1-2 with Chris Domenico  
" Kingdom Authority"

### SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)  
5<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet downstairs.  
9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet upstairs.
- Adults** Dive Deep with Doug  
LOCATION: Worship Center

### E2 WINTER SMALL GROUPS

- Women's THURSDAY MORNING STUDY** - Beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>.  
A study on **Isaiah** by Melissa Spoelstra  
with Brenda Ross - at 9:00am in B8-10.
- Women's THURSDAY EVENING STUDY** - begins March 14<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30pm at Kulp UMC, 1395 Old Reading Road, Catawissa.  
(Take note of the location) 10-session study of Exodus 19–40  
with Elizabeth Williams. Sign up on the Connect Card.

### EVENING GROUP STUDY

- Wednesday Evening Study** - begins April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Body of Proof by Jeremiah Johnston  
with Barry Wills - at 6:30pm in B8-10.

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS 2024

- Ending Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

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

## **John 3:17-21** **The Road to Perdition**

*We love because he first loved us. ~ 1 John 4:19*

1. God's P \_\_\_\_\_ (v 16a)

Two thousand years ago, God gave you His most precious gift—His own Son.

2. God's P \_\_\_\_\_ (v 16b)

Jesus Christ came to earth, and He died on a cross to pay for your sins. He offers you eternal life as a free gift, and all you have to do to receive it is to place your trust in Him. That gift can never be taken away from you. It cannot be revoked. You can't lose it or forfeit it. You are eternally secure.

3. God's P \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 17-21)


If you trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, you have eternal life. However, if you don't trust in Jesus for eternal life, then you stand condemned. You'll not go to heaven when you die. Rather, you'll go to a place of torment called hell.

In verse 21, Jesus describes a believer who allows God to shine a light on his life. If the light reveals anything displeasing to the Lord, the believer should confess it so that he can walk in fellowship with God.

Some Christians have trouble yielding themselves totally to Jesus because of:

- P \_\_\_\_\_
- F \_\_\_\_\_

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. ~ Psalm 139:14-15*

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



## March 11th – March 15th

### 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, "The Road to Perdition" with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on March 17<sup>th</sup>, "He Must Increase" with Pastor Doug Lyon.

### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.  
John 20:31