



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

Upon hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ we are wonderfully devastated with the realization that we, like everyone, have utterly sinned and absolutely fallen short of God's glory. One of the great truths of the Gospel is that, by the grace of God in the atoning death of Christ, we get what we don't deserve. That is, through our faith in Jesus Christ, we receive eternity with God. We deserve God's discipline, wrath and condemnation, but through Christ we receive God's love, mercy and redemption (cf. Rom.6:23). On this topic, the Bible is unmistakably clear:

"[God] saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy" (Titus 3:5).

"None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God.

¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. ...

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:11-12, 23).

"It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy" (Rom.9:16).

*"And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace"
(Rom.11:6).*

"...know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ" (Gal.2:16).

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast" (Eph.2:8-9).

"[God] has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace" (2Tim.1:9).

In a very real sense, believing in Christ is coming to know the truth about Christ and coming to know the truth about ourselves. When we truly behold the face of Christ in the Word of God, we are whole-heartedly humbled by undeserved mercy of God's love and grace. When we truly come face-to-face with our sinless Savior we also truly come face-to-face with our sinful selves. Like Peter we fall to our knees and humbly say, *"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man"* (Lk.5:8); or like the prophet Isaiah we cry out to the Lord, *"Woe to me! I am ruined"* (Is.6:5); or like the tax collector we hang our heads and beat our chests and pray, *"God, have mercy on me, a sinner"* (Lk.18:13); or like Paul we declare, *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst"* (1Tim.1:15).

Truly, God's undeserved and unearned grace is no cause for boasting in self. At the moment of our conversion, our hearts will readily agree with God's Word that we are saved by God's grace alone, and through nothing that we have or have not done. Upon hearing the Gospel announcement that in and through Christ we are sinless, our only response is not the arrogant glorifying of self but the reverent fearing of God. Then, when others ask us to give the reason for the hope that we have we can honestly answer: "The only reason I stand sinless before God is because of Christ!" For our salvation has infinitely and absolutely more to do with being blessed with God's mercy and grace, than it has to do with us being good or doing good things. Not only will this give God the glory due His name, but it will also give joy to the ones who bear His name.

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #19):

Exodus 21-24; 2 Samuel 10-14; Psalm 54-56; Job 37-38; Jeremiah 32-36; Luke 1-2; 2 Corinthians 6-8

Recommended Reading:

"In Christ Alone" by Sinclair B. Ferguson

Please join us for prayer on Sunday mornings at 8:00am in Pastor David's office

Calendar of
Events:

Memorial Service for
Virginia Zimmerman

May 12, 3:00pm

SAM's Luncheon

May 17

Youth Garage Sale

May 26

Looking Ahead....

Family Camp

June 28-July 1st

For prayer requests,
email Amy Woodruff
at prayer@sbcnb.org
or call 541-404-0547

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "The Difficult Doctrine of the
Love of God" by D.A. Carson
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
w/Pastor David

8:15-9:30pm "Zechariah"

w/Pastor Josh

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"
w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "The Christian Walk"
w/Pastor David

Adult Group Studies

Sundays ~

6:30-7:30pm "The Lord's Prayer"
At the Woodruff's Home (541-756-3311)

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

7:00-9:00pm At Skyline
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "Ephesians, Philippians and
Colossians"
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Not By Sight"
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am "Isaiah, the Lord Saves"
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am "Live Out His Love"
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm "Romans"
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am "Ephesians, Philippians and
Colossians"
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"
w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

6:30-8:00pm "Ephesians, Philippians and
Colossians"
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Connect & Encourage.....

Memorial Service for Virginia Zimmerman ~ May 12th, 3:00pm

SAM's Potluck Luncheon ~ May 17th, Noon

For those ages 55 and up, please join us for our SAM's potluck luncheon in the Fireside Room. We don't want to miss you - if you need a ride, contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance and we will arrange a ride for you.

Youth Garage Sale ~ May 26th

We are accepting clean, reusable donation items for our May 26th fundraiser garage sale. Students are raising funds for the Mexico Mission Trip in August.

Children's Ministries.....

Save the date:

June 25 – 28 9am to Noon

Vacation Bible School

Open to children 3 years old (potty-trained) through 5th Grade

July 30 - August 3

Big G Summer Camp

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Summer Sunday School Teachers and Helpers (this is our greatest area of need)
- 2nd Service Nursery Helpers (once a month)
- 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School Teacher (twice a month during second service)
- Awana helpers (Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8 pm – Summers off)
- Vacation Bible School Pre-School Director and Co-Director and leaders and helpers for other areas of VBS.

See Loy for more information. Training available.



Youth Ministries.....

Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8pm.