



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

For true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, life on this planet is as close to hell as they will ever be! This truth brings joy to my heart and serves as an anchor to my soul. The certainty that God has sovereignly secured eternal salvation for all those who have put their faith in His Son Jesus Christ is an almost unbelievable reality. It sounds too good to be true. And it would be if it were not clearly, and repeatedly, promised by God in His Word. Over and over again in Scripture we read that, in and through Christ, God has sufficiently and infinitely purchased the full redemption of all believers – sealing and sanctifying them to be with Him in heaven for eternity.

Jesus Himself proclaimed this hope-giving and joy-inducing truth when He said:

“For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life ... Whoever believes in him is not condemned ... whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life ... My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand” (John 3:16, 18, 5:24, 10:27-29).

All true disciples of Christ can be absolutely assured of their eternal security in Christ. For God, who does not lie, has promised that everyone who has put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will not be condemned to hell, but will be saved into eternal life in heaven. The apostle Paul echoed the divine promise of this assurance when he proclaimed:

“...there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus ... Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:1, 31-35, 37-39).

What a glorious truth! As a true believer in Jesus Christ, “...you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession” (Eph.1:13-14; cf. Eph.4:30; Tit.1:2). For, “In his great mercy [God] has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade” (1Pet.1:3-4; cf. Heb.6:17-19). As a Christian, you have the assured hope of everlasting life in heaven because God Himself has reserved and preserved your eternal security through the divine promise of your complete forgiveness and absolute righteousness in Christ. Therefore, you can honestly say this life is as close to hell as you will ever be! To say it another way, for Christians this life is as bad as it gets. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #27):

Leviticus 10-12; 2 Kings 1-5; Psalms 78-80; Proverbs 8-9; Ezekiel 19-24; Luke 17-18; Philippians 3-4

Recommended Reading:

“God is the Gospel” by John Piper

Calendar of
Events:

Church Picnic

July 8

Women's Summer
Event

July 19

Quarterly Business
Meeting

July 22

Summer Camp Staff
Meeting

July 22

Mexico Mission Trip
Meeting

July 22

Looking Ahead....

Big G Camp

July 30 – Aug 3

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

We're on the Web!

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Book of Ecclesiastes"
w/Pastor David

Thursdays ~

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

Fridays ~

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

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

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

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am *On break for the summer*

w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm *On break for the summer*
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

7:00-8:15pm *On break for the summer*
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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"
w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)

Off 6/27 & 7/4 then continuing through
summer

6:30-8:00pm "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
*Begins June 20th

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Connect & Encourage.....



The graphic features a dark blue scalloped-edged badge on the left with the text "Church PICNIC You're Invited". To the right, on a white background with a red and white checkered border, is the text: "July 8th, 12:30 at Skyline". Below this, in a white box, is the instruction: "Bring drinks, a main dish & either a salad or dessert to share". At the bottom of the white box, it says "Tableware & beverages provided".

Immediately following the second service meet in our parking lot where tables and chairs will be set up outside the annex. Bring 2 dishes to share and a lawn chair if you wish. The church will provide beverages, plates, and utensils. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship. Come enjoy the food and company! Questions-call Joyce Hammer @ 541.267.5179.

Women's Event "Simply Simple Summer Social"~ July 19

7 pm at Skyline Baptist Church in the Fireside Room. Please sign up on bulletin board by July 15th to help with planning. There is a \$3 suggested donation at the door

Children's & Youth Ministries

Big G Summer Camp ~

July 30 – August 3

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

Mandatory Staff Meeting - July 22

Immediately after church in Annex. Lunch provided.

Teen Mexico Mission Trip ~

Mexico Mission Trip meeting and fun night

July 22 – 2:30 pm to 9:00 pm

August 10 – 19

Please be in prayer for their preparations

Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ *No Regular Meetings at this time*

Junior High youth group ~ *On break for the summer*

Junior High Lake Day ~ July 8th

CANCELED

