



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

The crucifixion of Christ actually happened. It is not a fable or folktale, allegory or parable. The gore of Jesus' crucifixion is recorded not only in the chronicles of human history, but (infinitely more important) also written in the divinely inspired words of Scripture. Jesus literally suffered all the horrors as described in the Biblical narratives – the verbal abuse, physical torture, the mental anguish, the emotional torment, and the spiritual temptations.

Both the pain and the shame Jesus suffered graphically, and appropriately, illustrates the atrocities of our sin against the Holy God. Every blasphemy uttered at Jesus; every profane word; every act of mockery; everything vile, and hateful, and sacrilegious directed at the Son of God; He endured for us, as our Redeemer and Savior. This not only reveals the enormity and atrocity of our sin against God, but also the immensity and intensity of God's love for sinners.

Gal 3:13-14 ~ "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by *becoming a curse for us* – for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree' – ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

1 Peter 2:24 ~ "He himself *bore our sins in his body* on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (see Isa.53:3-4)

2 Cor 5:21 ~ "For our sake he *made him to be sin* who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

So, how do we respond to Christ suffering and dying in our place – being "sin for us" although He "had no sin"? I think the sacred hymn by Philip P. Bliss, *Hallelujah! What a Savior*, declares it incredibly and profoundly well:

*Man of Sorrows! What a name / For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim / Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude / In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood / Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Guilty, vile, and helpless we / Spotless Lamb of God was He;
"Full atonement!" can it be? / Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Lifted up was He to die / "It is finished!" was His cry
Now in Heav'n exalted high / Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*When He comes, our glorious King / All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing / Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

As we remember our Lord's death – we think about all that Christ endured to redeem our souls, and we remember all that Christ suffered to bring us to God (cf. 1 Pet.3:18). When we truly recognize the extent that Christ suffered in bearing the full weight of God's wrath for our sin we are truly left in stunned and speechless awe – except to endlessly proclaim, "Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #39):

Numbers 25-28; 2 Chronicles 6-10; Psalm 114-116; Proverbs 26-27; Obadiah; Acts 1-2; Hebrews 1-4

Recommended Reading:

"The Great Exchange" by Jerry Bridges and Bob Bevington

Calendar of Events:

Membership Class

October 3 & 10

Women's Weekend

October 5 & 6

Elder Election

October 7

Men's Breakfast

October 13

Looking Ahead...

New Members/Attendee

Reception

November 11

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 17

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

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "The Measure of a Man: Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man"

w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Joseph-A Man of Integrity and Forgiveness"

***Begins October 3rd**

w/Pastor David

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Behold Your God: Discovering the Unfathomable Greatness and Glory of God"

w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "Book of Ecclesiastes"

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 "Romans"

w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Lessons from the Upper Room"

***Begins October 2nd**

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 (541-751-3169)

1:00-2:15pm "Covenants"

***Begins September 25th**

w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am "Romans"

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"

w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)

6:30-8:00pm "Romans"

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Church News & Events.....

Membership Orientation Class ~ October 3rd & 10th

This is a two-week class at 6:30pm in the new classroom (Pastor David's old office) for those interested in membership. Please plan on attending both weeks. Contact Pastor David or the church office for more information and to register.

Women's Weekend ~ October 5th & 6th

Ladies are invited to join us for our women's weekend event. Register in the foyer after services September 30th or call the church office. The cost is \$30 and includes three meals on Saturday.

Elder Election ~ October 7th

The membership vote for the 2019 Elder Board is coming up on October 7. Elder Qualification handouts are available in the church foyer.

Men's Breakfast ~ October 13th

Men, join us at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, devotions & fellowship at our men's breakfast.