

Sermon: From Death to Life

May 9, 2021

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-7

I. Salvation is a process where God brings us from _____
_____. (1) Romans 6:23; Romans 5:12

II. We once were children of _____. (2-3)

1. The world determines what is acceptable in the life of a person.

2. The CAN principle is Satanically driven.

3. We once lived to satisfy the flesh. (3)

III. Praise God for what comes after the _____.
Ephesians 2:4-7

1. God extended mercy and love to us. (4) Romans 5:6-8 Titus 3:3-6

2. God gives us a new life. Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 8:6-10

IV. Our lives become _____ of his grace. (6-7)
Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:11

Thought for the day Mother's Day is a very special day in the lives of many families. A godly mother is such a blessing to children. One of the greatest comparisons in the Bible is found in **Isaiah 66:13**
¹³ As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; And ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. God is telling people do you remember the comfort and love your mother showed to you when you needed it? He says that is the closest earthly relationship I can use to show you how much I live and desire to comfort you. Each year Mother's Day has different meanings. For some it is the first year without their mother. For some it is the first year as a mother. In the Bible we read Hannah's prayer concerning Samuel, **1 Samuel 1:27**
²⁷ For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Children are a treasure from the Lord and are an answer to prayer. As we reflect upon our own mother's we remember the love and the comfort they showed us modeling the love God has for us especially if they are teaching and showing us who God is along the way. **Ephesians 6:1-3**
¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ² Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) ³ That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Today we honor our mothers with our love, with our lives and by passing on a godly heritage to the next generation. **Pastor Bruce**

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing curriculum called "The Core". Over the next year we'll be learning about the 8 "roots" of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we'll continue our "Kingdom" root. The way of Jesus is not the way of the world. While the world values flashy people concerned with their own platform and celebrity, Christ wants his followers to be meek. But as Rick Warren reminds us,

"Meek doesn't mean weak."1 The story that Jesus tells of a Pharisee and a tax collector shows how outward appearances of strength or success don't matter at all compared to an inner life of humility before God. And the life of William Seymour demonstrates how God can use a meek person to do great things. There is also a parent's guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. This week we are starting a brand new study called, "This is the Day" with lessons from former NFL QB Tim Tebow. Sometimes life feels rigid – as if nothing could ever really change. Maybe we're afraid of taking a step of faith. Or maybe we're too injured from the past to move forward. Or maybe life threw us a curveball and we still don't know how to react. No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. In this inspirational series, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory. He challenges us to step out in courage because this is the day to act.

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name