

Sermon: That We May Know

May 2, 2021

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

I. See yourself _____ Gods eyes. (15-17)

Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 4:22-25

1. There is a special hope confirmed as a result of being justified. Romans 5:1-5

2. God has provided the way for us to receive knowledge of Him.

Colossians 1:9

II. Paul prays for us to know the _____

_____ (18) 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:15-16

III. We don't realize the _____ to us.

(19-23) Philippians 2:12-13; Philippians 4:13; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1 Peter 1:5

1. Jesus is sufficient to supply all our needs. (20-21) Acts 2:36

Colossians 2:9-10

2. God describes the church as the body of Christ. (22-23)

Thought for the Day: Josh McDowell once wrote we may be living in the last righteous generation in America. He fears Christians are falling by the wayside blaming parents because of a lack of involvement in spiritual matters. **Judges 2:7-10** ⁷ *And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel...* ¹⁰ *And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.* Paul's prayer in our scripture today is designed to call our attention to all we have in Christ. It is critical that our children know these truths. Thursday is the National Day of Prayer. Of course, we should pray for the end of the pandemic but we should also pray that our children know the truth about who they are. This country was founded by men and women who left the oppression of European governments in order to have the freedom to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish a nation where the boundaries of law, morality, unity, family and the ability to worship was established in the Bible. The moral fabric of our country is failing because the enemy has found many ways to destroy the families. It is the responsibility of the family to assure the children know Jesus died on the cross for their sin, that He arose from the dead and is their only way to go to heaven and to have the blessings God has arranged for them to have. The only hope for our country is Jesus. That is what our founding fathers wanted in the first place.

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 more you dig into the message of Christ, the more you learn that God's kingdom operates in a totally different way than the world. The world says revenge is a dish best served cold, but Christ says vengeance should be left to God. The world says we should treat bad people badly, while Christ says that evil should be overcome with good. In this lesson, you will read Christ's story of a servant who was forgiven but refused to forgive others. It shows the absurdity of not following Christ's example of radical forgiveness. This lesson also shares the remarkable experience of Corrie ten Boom and an activity that demonstrates the maddening cycle of revenge and the refreshing power of forgiveness. 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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Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am
It's who I am
I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Chorus

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Chorus