

Sermon: The Mystery of the Church

June 6, 2021

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13

I. Paul confirms he is _____
_____. (1-2)

II. Paul reveals _____
given to him by God. (3-6); Colossians 1:26-27

1. Christ in me means I know Christ personally. John 10:14-16

2. Because I know Christ personally, I have eternal life. John 17:3

3. Because I have eternal life, I have some precious promises
from Jesus. John 14:1-3; John 14:6

III. Paul realizes that it is _____ that
gives him the privilege to serve. (7-9); 1 Corinthians 15:9-10;
1 Timothy 1:12-15

IV. Paul knows he is called to _____
_____ of God. (10-11) Eph. 1:17-21

V. We are reminded because of _____
_____ we always have access to God. (12-13)

Thought for the Day Many students have graduated from high school this week or they will graduate soon. The graduates of 2020 and 2021 will have memories unlike most of us. Because of the pandemic they have lost time with friends and actual education in the classrooms. Solomon has some advice for graduates in **Ecclesiastes 12:1;13¹** Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;....(13) ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. What a blessing it is to know Christ as Lord and Savior when you are young. To fear God means you acknowledge He has established a way of life where you are protected from allowing the evil of this world to destroy your peace, hope and joy. In Ephesians 3:1-13 Paul reminds us that we become part of the church when we are saved. One of the greatest blessings is the hope we receive when the Christ in us becomes real in our minds. History is the story of how God created the world and formulated a way for us to know the truth about humanity, morals, science and life. Jesus is the truth meaning unless you know Him you can't know the truth. The Bible is the recorded truth and any teaching which contradicts that truth is an attempt by man to change the history from Christ's story to man's story. When we do that the evil days will come. We must ask the question, "are they already here?" **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 in our “Outreach” root. How do you know if you’re lost? Usually, you can determine whether or not you’re lost just by looking around. Don’t recognize your surroundings? That means you’re lost. But it’s harder to know if someone is spiritually lost – mainly because most people don’t know what it means to be spiritually found. A person can be confident, happy, and good, but still lost. This lesson reminds students that salvation (being found) is about an intimate relationship with Jesus, not just “being good.” Jesus takes joy in welcoming lost people into his presence once they’re saved. We, too, should find joy in sharing the hope of Christ with others. 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.

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning

One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ
What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is. The Name of Jesus
You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now
What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is. The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is. The Name of Jesus
Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring. The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names
What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is. Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is. The Name of Jesus
Repeat last line