

Sermon: The Power of Grace

June 28, 2020

Scripture: Galatians 1:1-10

Notes:

**I. Introduction Galatians 1:1–6; Romans 5:1-2 ; Colossians 1:13-14
1 Peter 1:18–19**

**II. Paul was shocked that the people were so easily _____.
(6-7) Ephesians 2:8-9; Colossians 2:13–15**

**III. Paul issues a _____ to stay away from
people who _____ the gospel. (8-10)
2 Timothy 4:2-4**

**1. God promises to preserve _____.
Psalm 12:1; 5–8; John 8:31-32**

Thought for the day

Dr. Theodore Epps writes: *The false doctrine in Galatians condemned teaches that we are saved by grace but are kept saved by the Law, IN realty this makes salvation dependent on works.* **Colossians 2:20–23** ²⁰

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, ²¹ (Touch not; taste not; handle not; ²² Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? ²³ Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. Again from Dr. Epps: *rules and regulations and laws do not check the flesh or the lower nature instead they indulge it. The liberty in Christ sets us free to live for Christ in the power He supplies.* Most believers want a relationship with Jesus. In our minds is a desire to have a conscious contact with Him. The source of that power is the indwelling Holy Spirit and is accessed through prayer, Bible reading, Bible study, preaching, serving and worship. Living for Christ means we allow Him to use us to complete His plan for our lives and for His glory. The enemy wants us to do good in our own strength. His mission is to keep us from seeking God. Sometimes our intellect will get in the way; sometimes our activities will get in the way; and sometimes our trials will get in the way. One of Satan's greatest tools against us is make us feel guilty when we try to do better in our own strength and fail; that is what Paul is addressing in this letter. Salvation is a relationship we have with God; bought and paid for with Christ's blood.

Pastor Bruce

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing in our Black letters of Jesus curriculum leaning about who needs Jesus. Thirst is a basic human need, but it's not the physiological need Jesus addresses with the Samaritan woman at the well. He circumvents all cultural norms to have a conversation with a woman who has been trying to satisfy her spiritual longing in unhealthy and sinful ways, much like we do. Students will ponder various meanings of thirst, learn Maslow's hierarchy of needs, and acknowledge prejudices that keep them from sharing the gospel with others who are different from them. It's a blend of the physical, psychological, sociological, and spiritual commonalities we all share and the need we all have for a Savior. There's a parent guide that goes with this set of lessons that allows you to continue learning together at home, please let me know if you don't have it yet!

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Chorus

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine