



Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

The Promise Realized – Romans 6:1-14

- 1) There is wisdom because it teaches us how to _____ the Promise.
- 2) It opens our eyes to the attacks against the _____ of God.
- 3) The attacks on God's Grace are facilitated by _____.

Paul confronts these Biblical Half-Truths when he teaches us that...

- I. The Promise Reveals Us a New _____ to _____ - Romans 6:1-7
- A. More sin _____ mean more grace. Acts 2:38 says our first response is to _____ . Your decision to walk a different path.
 - B. In the death of Christ, we become _____ of the problem.
 - C. Redemption gave us a new status...Old self was _____.

The New Life enables us to _____ the power of sin by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

- II. The Promise Expresses a _____ for Living-Romans 6:8-14
- A. Grace is not some kind of _____ that enables one to indulge in sin without guilt or consequences.
 - B. Grace begins the process of clearing out the _____ that cause us to waste our lives. Sin reigning in our bodies...
 - C. Grace may multiply means grace is _____ us.

Three Big Lies that have caused a lot of human misery.

- Lie #1 – _____
- Lie #2 – _____
- Lie #3 – _____

Grace is not a _____ sin but _____ power of sin to control our lives.

Motivation for Baptism: To Be Right With God

When I served as Youth Minister, I was blessed to spend time with young people, sharing God's Word and directing them to the Savior. Many times, that included studies and discussions about baptism. It was exciting to help young people decide if they were ready to "take the plunge." Often, the reasons given for being baptized included the avoidance of hell, the promise of heaven, or the hope of release from guilt. While you may find verses in the Bible that suggest these motivations are valid, they are not great motivators for endurance; for the long haul that is required to live a faithful Christian life. The most common reason given in scripture, for being baptized is found in Acts 2:36-41. This reason is also weaved through all the stories of conversion. The motivation is to be right with God. Or as it is worded in Step One of AA, which is, "We admitted we were powerless over our addiction – that our lives had become unmanageable." This statement speaks to the need for redemption and salvation. It is hard to get to this point. The people Peter addressed in Acts 2 took a hands-on role, when it came to the crucifixion of Jesus. Peter's message helped them see how far they had strayed as humans.

In light of the fact that they were religious and probably members in good standing in their religious communities, they were not at a place where they could see the God they claimed to honor at work among them. Paul said had they known the wisdom of God, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8).

F. LaGard Smith states that this wrong motivation for being baptized has directly led to people leaving the church when they become adults (cf. p. 179, Baptism: The Believer's Wedding Ceremony). His point is that young people made the decision (often under pressure) to be baptized, but because the motivation was wrong, the conversion was not genuine; they never really committed to the lifestyle of the cross.

Any congregations that strives to be a church that "Speaks where the Bible speaks..." must start with baptism, which of course is the first step into the Christian life. From there, we are to "make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you" (2 Peter 1:10-11). by Dennis Baker

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

~ Charles H. Spurgeon

Sermon Summary

Evening *How Long Will You Waiver? – Romans 6:14*

God's people have from time to time have needed to decide who and what they were going to follow. Temptation, deception, indecision and just plain ignorance have accomplished their purpose of frustrating the will of God in the lives of people. Being able to see the differences in the quality of life offered by the world and offered by God is important. Living by truth makes a difference. Being people of faith means we have faith that God's way is best; without doubting, without wavering.

The Nature of Worship

It is often easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship and the result of this robs us of one of the great blessings God has for us. Before reading any more of this article stop and ask yourself, "Why do I come to worship each week?" There may be many reasons, but what is the fundamental, underlying reason you come to worship each week?

If you think first in terms of, "I do it because He commands me to," perhaps you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who "...draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me"? We do come to worship because He commands us, but if that is the primary reason, we are robbing ourselves of the true meaning of worship. Think about the following verses and my comments about them.

Psalms 100:2: "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Notice how godly men came to worship realizing that this was the place, above all others, where we are "in His presence." We come with gladness and praise before Him. In worship we are truly in His presence.

Psalms 95:2: "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms." Notice the plural pronouns in this verse. It is not a private time of praise David had in mind. It was "us" who came before Him in His presence. The next verse sheds even more reasons as to why we come to worship. "For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods." We should stand in awe that this great God would so graciously allow sinful men to come into His presence.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2: "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools...let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore, let your words be few." Every aspect of worship is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, God designed worship as a time when by preaching He would speak to us! We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

Psalms 100:1-4: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name."

Worship is not just "making a payment" on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to obey Him. Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence.

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Dale Cureton Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunt

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Fellowship

Spencer Guest

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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	55
AM Worship	77
PM Worship	18

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$4077
Weekly Contribution	\$4446



Things to Know

POTLUCK

February 27th after morning worship.
Questions see Jessica Brothers

PHOTOS

ALL MEMBERS need to have their photos updated. We will be taking pictures in the adult bible lab after worship. If you have questions, please see Heidi.

Ladies Service Teams

GET INVOLVED! The ladies service teams are reorganizing. Please sign-up if you are still interested in being a part of a team, the sheet is on the back table. A team leader will contact you.

Sunday Bible Classes

Dennis Baker is teaching the Book of Revelation in the fellowship hall.
Gordon Gower is teaching the Book of Colossians in the auditorium.

OFFICE CLOSED

TOMORROW in observance of President's Day.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for summer camp at Copper Basin Bible Camp is now open. Pick up a flyer from the back table for instructions.

Prayer Requests

Autumn Cleaveland will see her cardiologist on Monday. Tuesday she will see her surgeon and Thursday she will have a procedure on her leg.

Amber Cox is recovering at home from COVID.

Millie Redden: recovery from shingles

Betty Hanna follow-up from watchman procedure

Vickie Moulard (Betty Hanna's daughter-in-law) heart transplant recovery.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~Rusty & Bonnie Parker, many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~Lucy Cottabarren at the Granite Creek Rehab facility.

~Kim Cureton is recovering at home with physical therapy

~Steve Mann treatment for his cancer.

~Richard Erno received his bone marrow transplant. Pray that he will not reject this transplant.

~Abby Parra immune compromised after chemo treatment.

~Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers) cancerous kidney to be removed

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

