

"The Suffering Child of God"

Romans 8:16-18 & Romans 8:1 & 30

"In my pursuit of holiness it is guaranteed that I will suffer physically and emotionally and flourish spiritually and eternally. The pursuit of holiness is putting myself at risk."

- *"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God..."*
 - God shows His love towards us in that we are called His children (1 John 3:1). As His children we walk in righteousness (1 John 3:7-10); As His children we love in deed and truth (1 John 3:16-18); As His children we love our brothers and sisters (1 John 5:1-3) and we keep ourselves free from idols (1 John 5:21).
- *"The Spirit Himself bears witness that we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ..."*
 - God has qualified us to be heirs with Christ (Colossians 1:12); We went from inheriting death to inheriting life (Colossians 1:13-14); We went from being slaves to death to being fellow sons of God and heirs with Christ (Galatians 4:7); God is the source of our inheritance (Colossians 3:24) and He is our inheritance (1 Peter 3:18; Psalm 73:25-26) and our inheritance is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading (1 Peter 1:4).
 - What do we share with Christ?
 - We will share in His victory (Revelation 3:21); We will share in His glory (John 17:22); We will share in His riches (2 Corinthians 8:9); We will bear His image (1 Corinthians 15:49); We will share with Him in the enjoyment of all things (Hebrews 1:2).
- *"Provided we suffer with Him....we will be glorified with Him..."*
 - Our Justification is a guarantee, our Glorification is a guarantee, and our suffering (Sanctification) is a guarantee (Romans 8:30).
 - We are promised that we will suffer in this life (2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 2:19-24; 1 Peter 5:9-10; Matthew 5:10-12) and that the sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us (2 Corinthians 4:16-17; 1 Peter 4:12-19).
 - *"Christlike love seeks its happiness in the happiness of others - not at their expense. It will even suffer and die for the beloved in order that its joy may be made full in the life and purity of the beloved."* (John Piper)
 - John 15:12-13: The greatest expression of love is to lay down one's life for his friends. In obeying God's Word, we express our love by laying down our control and comforts (suffering).
 - Ephesians 5:25-30: In giving up our comfort and control (suffering) we show our desire to see others sanctified and we love ourselves by doing this because we are of the same body.
 - Colossians 1:24-29: The greatest act of love and suffering will be seen in desiring to see all people come to know Christ and grow in maturity in Christ.
 - Hebrews 12:5-6: Because God loves us we will also suffer in discipline as He sanctifies His children.

Worship: Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)

Glorious Christ (Sovereign Grace Music)

Be Thou My Vision (Norton hall Band)

Closing Song: God Omniscient, God All Knowing (Matt Boswell)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

***PRAYER:** We have gather together for prayer on Sundays at 4:30pm and Thursdays at 6:20pm before the services! We would love to have you join us for that time of prayer, we believe in the importance and the power of prayer!

***Pastor Appreciation in October:** In the month of October we will be collecting a special offering for the Pastoral Staff for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give to that, please put your donation into an offering envelope (on the side of the offering box) and mark on the outside of the envelope: "Pastoral Staff Appreciation" OR give your donation on Venmo, making sure to note it is for the "Pastoral Staff Appreciation."



***Baptism:** If you have any questions about or are interested in being baptized, please talk to Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Chris, or one of the church elders! Our next baptism service will be Sunday, November 15th!

***Church Fellowship** on Sundays ONLY, following the service, in the gym! Get your dinner and come back or have your dinner delivered to the church!

***New Members Meeting:** If you are interested in or have any questions about becoming a church member, we are having a short meeting immediately following the service TONIGHT!

***Church Members Meeting:** We will be having a business meeting on Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the service! If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting. We will be reviewing the budget for 2021. We anticipate the meeting to last approximately 30 minutes.