

“A Burden for the Lost and a Passion for Evangelism”

Romans 9:1-3 & Romans 10:1-4

- Important foundations of salvation....
 - God is sovereign, man is fallen, and man is responsible for their actions.
 - Some receive mercy, some receive justice, but no one receives injustice from God.
- The four views of how God could save:
 - God could offer no opportunity for salvation.
 - God could offer an opportunity for all to be saved, but not guarantee the salvation of any.
 - God could ensure the salvation of all; He could bring all to faith.
 - God could ensure the salvation of some.
- His foreknowledge is a true “knowing” of what will come to pass, based on His free choice. He decrees what will come to pass.
- Predestination is the biblical doctrine that God in His sovereignty chooses certain individuals to be saved.
- There is a general call that goes out to all and then there is an effectual call that goes out to those predestined for salvation (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).
- “I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying....”
 - The words of a Christian should be reliable; we should address all things from a Biblical Worldview; we should be a source of truth/truth-bearers (Proverbs 6:16-19; 1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:15; John 14:6).
 - We should be mindful of our words as Christians because we will stand in account for every word we say; we should take our speech very seriously (Matthew 12:34-36; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10). There is power in our words to build up or destroy (Proverbs 18:21; Ephesians 4:29).
- “My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit....”
 - Being trained by the Word of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit gives us a reliable conscience that leads us into truth (Acts 24:16; 2 Corinthians 1:12).
- “For I wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ....”
 - Paul following and preaching Christ does not mean that he is against his Jewish brothers. He is for them in having a genuine desire for their salvation by telling them the truthfulness of their condition (Romans 2:6-10; Romans 2:17-29; Romans 3:9-10; Romans 3:29-30).
 - Paul is heartbroken over the fact of all the grace that God has given the Jewish people and yet they operate in rejection and ignorance (John 1:11; Romans 9:4-5; Romans 10:3).
 - The gospel both unifies (inside of Christ) and separates (outside of Christ) when we exchange the worth of the world and self-glorification for the worth and the glorification of Christ (Matthew 10:34-39; John 15:18-19; Philippians 3:7-8).
- “I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart...my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved....”
 - Are we emotionally moved to prayer by the anguish and sorrow in our hearts over the condition of the lost?

Worship: So I Will Trust You (Sovereign Grace Music) Jesus I My Cross Have Taken (Indelible Grace Music)
He Will Hold Me Fast (Norton Hall Band) **Closing Song:** Jesus Thank you (Sovereign Grace Music)

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

- Are we emotionally moved by people who have religious zeal and yet that zeal does not lead to salvation?
- Are we emotionally moved by those that strive for a self-righteousness/lack of submission that does not lead to salvation?
- Are we emotionally moved by the reality of an eternal hell and eternal life that hangs in the balance of the response to the gospel (Revelation 20:13-15; Luke 12:47-48)?

“The absence of love leads to an absence of evangelism/encouragement. The absence of valuing church leads to an absence of evangelism. The absence of private time in the Word and prayer leads to an absence of evangelism. The absence of zealous holy living leads to an absence of evangelism.”

Announcements:

***Fellowship:** Starting NEXT Sunday, January 10th, we will be doing our after service fellowship again! Each Sunday night, immediately following the worship service, we invite and encourage everyone to join us in the gym for fellowship! Bring your dinner with you, have your dinner delivered to the church, or go pick up dinner after church and come back!

***Members Meeting:** Sunday, January 17th, immediately following the worship service, we will be having a short Members Meeting to vote on Joel Decker as Associate Pastor.

***Set-up/Tear-down:** There will be a quick Set-Up/Tear-Down Ministry meeting TONIGHT, immediately following the service. If you currently serve in this ministry **OR** are interested in serving in this ministry, please plan on staying for this meeting!

***Collecting Donations:** During the month of January we will be collecting donations for Heartbeats. The following items will be used to make COVID-friendly single use “activity packs” that will be used by children and families during supervised visits: gallon Ziplock bags, coloring books for all ages, stickers, small puzzles, and fun workbooks.