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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! We are so blessed to be able to study God's Word. His Word is alive and active. He can and will take His Word and speak to you personally this month. Do your part be being in the Word and He will do His part.

God bless you as you study God's amazing Word.

Gladly in His Service,

Dr. Jason

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Tuesday April 1

Scripture Reading: Judges 6-7 Luke 8:1-21

Praise the Lord! I want to take some time and write to you about being acceptable to God. Actually, I want to write to you about being acceptable to God *through Jesus*. Can you see the difference. Some people try to be acceptable to God by their own efforts or by keeping the law and that is not what I am talking about. No one can be acceptable to God that way, but thank God we are acceptable to God because Jesus came and paid the price for all our sins and *in Him* we are acceptable to God.

Look at a very familiar verse. John 3:16 says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** We were all separated from God and His acceptance because of our sins. But God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to pay for our sins so we could be forgiven and acceptable to Him. I know we are all familiar with this verse. Let the impact of it continue to impact you.

Now, look at John 3:16 & 17, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”** God didn't send Jesus to condemn us. He sent Jesus so we could be saved and free from condemnation. All this is *through Jesus*.

I am going to keep writing on this subject for a while but I felt like I needed to start with this foundation. God accepts you because you have given your life to Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, thank You so much for sending Jesus to pay for my sin and my separation from You. I know this is such an important truth and I don't ever want to stop knowing how important it is and how important it is for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday April 2

Scripture Reading: Judges 8-9 Luke 8:22-56

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I wrote John 3:16-17 out for you and I want to start with the verses again for today. **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** When Jesus died on the cross, many things happened. I am sure I will get to many of those things, but the first thing this verse says is that Jesus died for us so we would not perish **but have eternal life!**

Thank God we are saved. We now have *eternal life*. I may be writing about some things that some might think don't even need to be covered, but I believe we need to be reminded that we have *eternal life* because Jesus paid the price for us to have *eternal life*.

Look at what Jesus said in John 10:10, **“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”** One version says the last part of this verse *that we may have life and life to the fullest.*

As born-again believers, we have life in abundance and life to the fullest. Aren't you enjoying life? Well, as good as our lives are now it is going to last forever. We have *eternal life!* Heaven is real and heaven is forever. Your eternal life began when you gave your life to Jesus and it is continuing today and it is going to last for all eternity. John 10:28-29 say, **“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand.”** We have *eternal life* and it will never end.

Prayer: Thank You for saving me and thank You for giving me eternal life. Help me to know and to remember that this life isn't all there is. I know that I am going to be with You forever. Jesus, I know that You have me in Your hand and I know that I am also in the Father's hand. I love You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday April 3

Scripture Reading: Judges 10-11

Luke 9:1-36

Praise the Lord! We have been talking about our being accepted in Jesus. Now look at Galatians 2:20, **"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."**

When Jesus died on the cross He bore the sins of all mankind. When a person accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior the payment He made is applied to their lives. They are forgiven and born-again. Paul put it this way, **I have been crucified with Christ.** This happened when Paul put his faith in Jesus and now he said that he lived by faith in Jesus. All this was possible for our lives because Jesus *loved us and because He gave Himself for us.*

Look at Romans 6:5-7, **"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like His. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin because anyone who has died has been set free from sin."**

We are no longer slaves to sin. We have been set free by Jesus' death and resurrection. Some people have a hard time believing these things. We need to choose to believe them because the Word says they are true. We don't have to understand everything. We have to believe. The more we choose to believe and the more we renew our minds to the Word the more these wonderful truths will affect our lives.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for dying on the cross for all my sins and thank You for saving me. I know that You have forgiven me and I choose to believe that I am no longer a slave to sin. Help me to believe the Word and help me to speak what I believe. I don't ever want to miss out on anything You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday April 4

Scripture Reading: Judges 12-14

Luke 9:37-62

Praise the Lord! 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, “**God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**” This is such a wonderful verse. I have been writing to you about our being acceptable to God through Jesus and this verse sure shows that.

All of mankind was completely lost with no hope of salvation *but God had a plan*. He sent Jesus *to be made sin for us* so that we could be made *the righteousness of God*.

God did all this because He loved us even though we were all sinners. Aren't you glad that God loved sinners back then? Aren't you glad that God still loves sinners today?

Look at Luke 19:10, “**For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**” Praise God! John 3:16 says, “**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**” I know I have already written to you about this a couple of days ago but thank God for this truth. Believe in Jesus. He will forgive all your sins, You will never perish and you will have eternal life.

Look at Romans 5:6, “**You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.**” Of course Jesus died for *the ungodly*. It was *the ungodly* who needed a Savior and all mankind was *ungodly*. We all needed our sins forgiven and Jesus paid for all our sins.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for paying for my sins and for drawing me to You so I could accept Your love and Your forgiveness. Thank You that I have been made the righteousness of God because I am in Jesus. Help me to grasp Your love more fully. I want to live fully for You and I want to let others know about Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday April 5

Scripture Reading: Judges 15-17

Luke 10:1-24

Praise the Lord! Look at Romans 12:1-2, **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

We are told two things that we need to do in these verses and then we are told a wonderful promise. 1. We need to present our bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God. 2. Then we will be able to test and approve what God’s will is.

Jesus loves you and He has saved you. He also wants to work in and through your body. He wants you to be healthy and strong so you can represent Him well and so you can help others. Taking care of your body and letting God have His way are called true and proper worship.

Then we are told to not think like worldly people think. We need to renew our minds to the Word. One version says it this way, *“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into it’s mold. Rather be transformed in your thinking from the inside out.”*

As we do these things, God promises that we will know His will that is always *good, pleasing and perfect*. Thank God for revealing these things to us. Let’s be sure to put them into action in our lives.

Prayer: Lord, I choose to present my body as a living sacrifice to you and I am going to renew my mind to Your Word. I am so thankful for Your promise to help to test and to approve Your will. I want Your good, pleasing and perfect will for my life. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Sunday April 6

Scripture Reading: Judges 18-19 Like 10:25-42

Praise the Lord! Would you like to know another aspect of your being acceptable to God through Jesus? Romans 5:1-2 say, **“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”**

When we put our faith in Jesus, we were saved and we were justified through faith. Our sins are forgiven. We have *peace with God through our lord Jesus Christ!* We have peace with God and we have peace with Him *through Jesus*. Jesus provided salvation, forgiveness and peace for us and there is even more.

We have *access by faith into the grace of God*. Thank God for His grace. John 1:16 is talking about Jesus and it says, **“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.”** Are there times when you wonder why you are so blessed? It is because of Jesus and His grace. Jesus paid it all for us and we are blessed. When you are blessed do three things: 1. Realize it is all because of Jesus and His grace. 2. Thank Him for His grace 3. Tell God you are looking forward to the next blessing since they come one after another.

The verses that I started with today have one more thing for us. Are you ready? **“We boast in the hope of the glory of God.”** This might stretch some people, but God tells us to *boast about hope in the glory of God*. I am sure we all know that we are not boasting about ourselves. We are boasting in how wonderful God is.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for Your peace. I know that I am justified before You because I have put my faith in Jesus' complete work. I also thank You for all Your blessings and I thank You that I always have hope for more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday April 7

Scripture Reading: Judges 20-21

Luke 11:1-28

Praise the Lord! Look at John 14:6, “**Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**”

Jesus came to seek and to save sinners. He is the only way for us to be saved. He didn't just come to show us the way. He came to be the way. Some people think there are many ways but Jesus is the only way.

Jesus is the *truth*. Everything He spoke was the *truth* and He has made His *truth* available to us in the Word. Look at the first verse of John. “**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**” We are so blessed to be able to study the Word!

Jesus is the *truth*. He always spoke the *truth* and this goes beyond that. He is the *truth*. Look at Hebrews 6:18, “**God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.**” It is impossible for God to lie! We can and should believe everything Jesus says because it is impossible for Him to lie.

When I wrote this verse out to show how we are acceptable to God through Jesus I thought I would cover this verse and then go on to some other places in the Word, but as I covered this I realized that I want to go back to John 14:1-6 for context. It is always good to look at the Word in context, so tomorrow we will be going back to John 14:1-6.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your Word and all that You are speaking to me from it. Help me to do my best as I study Your Word. I know that I need to start off by believing all of Your Word. Jesus, I believe that You are the way and the truth and the life. Help me to have complete confidence in these things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday April 8

Scripture Reading: Ruth Luke 11:29-54

Praise the Lord! John 14:1 says, “**Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me.**” What do you think of what Jesus said here? He said, “**Do not let your hearts be troubled.**” Do you think He meant what He said? Also, do you think He expected you to do it? One more, do you think we can do what He said or do you think He was telling us to do something that we can’t do?

You see, I believe that Jesus meant what He said and I also believe that He knew we could do it. Actually, let me say it this way, I believe that He knew we could do it *with His help*. Oh, this is so important. Jesus will help us to do what He asked us to do.

Here are some keys that will help us: *believe in God and believe in Jesus*. We can do these things and doing them will help us to do the other things that we are called to do.

Didn’t you believe in Jesus when you turned your life over to Him? Haven’t you believed in Jesus when you have need help? Hasn’t He always helped you when you turned to Him?

Believe in God and believe in Jesus now and **Do not let your hearts be troubled**. Look at Isaiah 26:3-4, “**You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.**” Trust in God and trust in Him to help you and He will.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You are my Lord and Savior. I am thankful that You are always with me and helping me to do what You want me to do. I put my trust in You and I know that You will help me to keep my heart from being troubled. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday April 9

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 1-3 Luke 12:1-34

Praise the Lord! Continuing on John 14:2 says, **“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”** Jesus is talking about heaven here. He said that He has a place for us forever in heaven. *He has prepared a place for you!* How does that make you feel? Does it make you feel secure and does it give you confidence to keep living for Him today?

Now, I know that heaven is for all born-again believers. Knowing that is a wonderful thing and it helps us, but when we know that Jesus has told each of us that He had prepared a place for us it can and should affect our lives. Jesus knew the disciples were going to face things in their lives that this truth would help them through and He also knows that you and I are going to face things in our lives that this truth will help us through.

This life is not all there is. We are born-again and we have eternal life. I am 73 now and I am going to be with Jesus forever! Sometimes 73 seems like a long time but eternity is, well way longer. Knowing and remembering eternity gives us confidence to keep living for Jesus today. Know that Jesus has prepared a place for us.

John 14:3 says, **“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.”** Jesus is coming to take us to be with Him where He is. Don’t quit. Let these wonderful things Jesus has spoken to *you* encourage you and strengthen you today.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You and I am thankful that You have given me eternal life. Help me to know that my eternity is secure and that You have prepared a place for me in heaven. I know this life isn’t all there is and I so look forward to being with You in heaven forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday April 10

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 4-6

Luke 12:35-59

Praise the Lord! John 14:3 says, **“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.”** Jesus said He is coming back and He is. I put it this way, “I don’t know *when* Jesus is coming back but I know He is!”

Look at what Jesus said in Mark 13:32, **“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”** Some people think they know when Jesus is coming back, and some people have even written books predicting when He was coming back, but so far they have all been wrong. I think I will just believe what Jesus said. No one knows the day or the hour.

So, since we don’t know when He is coming back, what should we do. Look at what Jesus said in Mark 13:33-37 say, **“Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back –whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”**

We should live fully for Jesus and then we will be ready. Again I say we don’t know *when* He is coming back but we know that *He is coming back* and we sure want to be ready so be ready all the time.

Prayer: Lord, I know that You promised to come back and I believe. Help me to live fully for You every day and to know that is how I can be sure that I am always ready. I am thankful that You have a plan for me to be with You forever. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Friday April 11

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 7-9

Luke 13:1-21

Praise the Lord! In the verses we have been covering in John 14 Jesus was telling His disciples that He was coming back. When we are living faithfully for Him we will be ready for His return.

Look at what Jesus said in John 14:4, **“You know the way to the place where I am going.”** This seems pretty straightforward and easy to understand what Jesus said, but look at what Thomas said in verse 5, **“Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?””** I really want to get to verse 6 which is where I started covering these verses but first there is something I want to point out. Jesus said, “You know the way to the place I am going.” Thomas said, “We don’t know the way.” Who do you think was right? I am sure you know that Jesus was right. So, here’s a quick point. When Jesus says something, don’t argue with Him. He is always right. So, if Jesus says you are saved don’t argue with Him. If He says you are forgiven, don’t argue with Him. If He says you are righteous in Him, don’t argue with Him. Are you getting my point?

Ok, now verse 6 says, **“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** Jesus is *the Way*. They knew Jesus so they knew *the Way*. They just didn’t know that they knew the way. Let me run through the things that I mentioned in the paragraph before this. We are saved because Jesus is our salvation. We are forgiven because Jesus forgives us. We are made righteous because we are righteous in Jesus. We need to believe and not argue with what Jesus and the Word say.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for all that You have done in my life. I choose to believe that You always speak the truth and I choose to believe that the things You say are done are really done. Help me to know Your Word, to renew my mind to Your Word and to never argue with what You and the Word say. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday April 12

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 10-12

Luke 13:22-35

Praise the Lord! We are acceptable to God because of Jesus and all that He has done for us. Here is another wonderful application of that truth. 1 Peter 2:24 says, **“He Himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.”**”

Jesus died on the cross for our sins so our sins are forgiven, we are dead to sin and we are *alive to righteousness*. We were lost because of sin and there was nothing any of us could do to earn forgiveness. Jesus came and paid for our sins so we would be forgiven and now we are *righteous in Him*. This is the truth and it is revealed to us in God’s Word. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, **“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”** I know that you believe God’s Word and it is sure a good thing that we believe God’s Word because we could never grasp this truth with out the Word.

1 Peter 2:24 also says, **by His wounds you have been healed.** Again thank God for the Word. We need to choose to believe the Word, we need to renew our minds to it and we need to never quit.

Hebrews 1:3 says, **“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”** Jesus came to reveal God and His ways to us. He sustains all things by *His powerful Word*.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for all that You have done for me and thank You for revealing what You have done for me through Your Word. I choose to believe Your Word. Help me to walk in all that You have provided for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday April 13

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 13-14

Luke 14:1-24

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the Word. We know what God has done for us because the Word reveals the truth to us. 1 Peter 2:2-3 say, **“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”** We all crave spiritual milk from the Word and we are all growing in our salvation. We have surely tasted and seen that the Lord is good! Amen?

1 Peter 2:4-5 say, **“As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him. You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”**

We have come to Jesus and we have given our lives to Him. He is now building us into all that He wants us to be. Here is some really good news: He is going to get His work done in our lives. Philippians 1:6 says, **“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”** We can be *confident* that Jesus is the One working in our lives and we can be *confident* that He is going to finish His good work in us.

The more we crave the Word the more we will grow. The more we grow the better we will do in every area of our lives. He is building every one of us into people of God. That should give us confidence and we should be excited about what God is doing.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Your wonderful Word today. I know that I am growing in You and I know that You are the One helping me. I also ask You to bless all my sisters and brothers in Jesus as they grow in Your Word. Help us all to be strong and secure in You and help us to be all that You want us to be. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday April 14

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15-16

Luke 14:25-35

Praise the Lord! 1 Timothy 2:5-6 say, **“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.”** There is only one Savior and Lord.

When Paul wrote this to Timothy he had just written to them about some people that they needed to be praying for and we need to be praying for these same people.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 say, **“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”** We need to pray for those who are positions of authority. Jesus is the only way for anyone to be saved and every person needs to know that. Our prayers help.

When I say that Jesus is the only way for people to be saved the Word backs that up. Look at what Jesus said in John 14:6, **“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**

We know and accept this truth and we need to stand on it. We also need to pray that people will hear the Good News and accept it. Believe me, prayers help. You probably had someone praying for you to be saved and God answered those prayers.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for providing salvation for all who will put their trust in Jesus. I pray for all people, including those who are in authority, to hear the Gospel so they can be saved. Help me to pray and to believe. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday April 15

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17-18

Luke 15:1-10

Praise the Lord! Romans 5:1 says, **“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”** When we put our faith in Jesus, we were saved by faith and we have peace with God through Jesus. Isn't that amazing? We have peace with God. Our peace is not based on the fact that we are good enough or on the fact that we have never done anything wrong. Our peace with God is *through our Lord Jesus Christ* and what He has done for us!

Verse 2 says, **“Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”** Again we are told that these things are **through Jesus!** We have access to grace through Jesus and we stand in grace through Jesus. And we *boast in the hope of the glory of God*. Everything we have is all because of Jesus.

Because of all these wonderful truths we can be victorious even if we go through hard things. Romans 5:3-4 say, **“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”** God is always with us and He will help us to grow no matter what we face. We have these promises because we are in Jesus. He never leaves us. We have hope through Jesus.

Romans 5:5 says, **“And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”** We have God's love poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Thank God for the Father, for Jesus and for the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for saving me when I put my faith in You. I know that my salvation is all because You died on the cross for my sins. I know that trusting You was how I was saved and I am going to keep trusting You forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday April 16

**Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 19-21
Luke 15:11-32**

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the Word! Romans 5:8 says, **“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** This is the truth and we believe it! There is no way we could have ever figured this out on our own. The Word has revealed this to us and thank God we believe the Word.

God loves you and He demonstrated His love for you by dying for you while you were yet a sinner. Look at Romans 8:31, **“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”** God is for you. Isn't that an amazing truth? He was for you before you were saved and He is surely for you now that you are saved.

With that in mind, look at the next verse. Romans 8:32 says, **“He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”** God loved you before you were saved. Jesus loved you so much that He was willing to die on the cross so you could be saved. We know those things and we believe them because we believe the Word.

The revelation of God loving us and saving us is wonderful and now the Word is going beyond that. We need to know that God loves us right now and He wants to meet all of our needs. I don't know what you need but I know this, none of us need anything as much as we needed to be saved. God saved you because He loved You, He still loves You and He want to *graciously give us all things*.

Prayer: Lord, I am amazed at how much You love me. I know that I am saved because You met my need for salvation and I know that You still love me. Help me to grasp Your love more completely and help me to never doubt Your love or Your willingness to help me no matter what I am facing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday April 17

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 22-24 Luke 16:1-18

Praise the Lord! Would you like a wonderful verse today? I have been writing about how we are acceptable to God through Jesus and I sure have a good verse for you today.

Romans 5:9 says, **“Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him!”** We have been *justified* by Jesus’ blood and we are *saved from God’s wrath through Him*. That is amazing.

You see, before we were saved we all deserved to face God’s wrath for all eternity, but thank God we have been *saved from God’s wrath*. We will never face His wrath. Jesus bore the wrath that we deserved so we could be forgiven, saved and free from wrath.

Look at 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10, **“The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”** The Good News of the Gospel was being preached and people were accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Those who were saved were *rescued from the coming wrath*. Thank God. If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are forgiven, born-again and you will never face God’s wrath.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have saved me. I know that I am saved because of what You have done for me and because I have accepted You as my Lord and Savior. Help me to know that I will never face Your wrath. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Friday April 18

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 25-26

Luke 16:19-31

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I wrote to you about the fact that we will never face the wrath of God. Romans 5:9 says, **“Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him!”** Thank God. This is a wonderful truth and we need to believe it and we need to renew our minds to it.

I want to give you some more Scriptures on this to help you. Romans 8:1-4 say, **“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”** There is sure a lot of good in these verses. I guess I want to say it this way: There is sure a lot of good news in these verses.

We could never be good enough. Jesus came and He was good enough for us. He offers salvation to anyone who will accept what He has done. We have accepted Jesus and all that He has done for us is bestowed on us even though we may not even know what all He has done for us. Thank God we are learning.

Jesus condemned sin for us so we could be set free. There is now no condemnation for us because we are in Christ Jesus. Believe.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for becoming sin for us and paying a debt we could never pay. Thank You drawing us to You and for saving us when we called on Your Name for salvation. Thank You for setting me free from all condemnation and for making it so I will never face Your wrath. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday April 19

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 27-29

Luke 17:1-17

Praise the Lord! One of the reasons I like writing these devotions to you is the fact that I can write and write and write on things when I feel like I should cover more. At Creative Ministries, I almost always preach series of messages for the same reason. As you might expect, I have some more to say about our being set free from the wrath of God.

John 3:16 is probably the best known Scripture there is. I love it and when I use it in these devotions or when I preach on it I usually include verse 17 because it is powerful as well.

John 3:16-17 say, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”** God loves mankind so much that He sent Jesus to provide salvation to all who will accept Him. Thank God!

We have accepted Jesus and verse 17 says that we are now free from condemnation. After all, how we could be condemned for our sins when Jesus paid for them?

Jesus died for the sins of all who will accept Him. Some reject Him. John 3:18 says, **“Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the Name of God’s one and only Son.”** Thank God we have accepted Jesus!

Prayer: Lord, I am forever thankful for the salvation You have given me. I know that I was completely lost without You and I know that I am completely saved with You. Help me to share Your love and the Good News of the Gospel with others who don’t yet know You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Sunday April 20

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 30-31

Luke 17:20-37

Praise the Lord! I hope you are going to be in Church today. We are blessed to be able to meet together with one another. You need to be in Church and there are others who need you to be there. Be open to let others encourage to you and be ready to encourage others. We are stronger together.

Ephesians 2:8-10 say, **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”**

I have been showing you the Biblical truth that we will never face the wrath of God because Jesus paid for our sins. These verses remind us that we are *saved by grace*. It had to be God’s grace because none of us were ever good enough to earn our salvation. Our salvation is a gift from God.

Now that we are saved, God does have some things He wants us to do. These things don’t earn our salvation but they are evidence that we are saved. **We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

We need to submit our lives to Jesus and do the good things He wants us to do. Hebrews 10:24-25, **“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”** Be an encouragement today.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me by grace. I want to represent You well and I want to be used to help and encourage others. I ask You to bless my Church today. Help us to love one another and help us to grow together. Bless my Pastor. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday April 21

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 1-3

Luke 18:1-17

Praise the Lord! John 10:27-30 say, **“My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”**”

We are secure in Jesus’ hands and in the hands of the Father. We have eternal life and we will never perish. I am not going through anything particularly hard right now but I sure embrace all these wonderful truths. There are times when we go through hard times and we need encouragement from the Word and thank God that He always meets our needs in times like that. For today, I am thankful that God and His Word encourages all the time. Can I get an, “Amen!”?

John 1:10-13 say, **“Jesus was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”**

Some people don’t accept Jesus and all that He has provided, but we do! Thank God. We are children of God, born of God. Look at the next verse. John 1:14 says, **“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”** Jesus has made His dwelling among us.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for keeping me! I believe. Thank You for always speaking life to me. I know that giving my life to You has literally changed everything in my life and I know that my life in You is for all eternity. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday April 22

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 4-6

Luke 18:18-43

Praise the Lord! Isaiah 9:6 is a prophetic promise about the coming of Jesus. **“For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

Jesus' coming was prophesied in the Old Testament. There were a lot of details about His birth and coming and they were all fulfilled. In this verse it was prophesied that He would be called Wonderful Counselor. Haven't there been times in your life when Jesus was both *Wonderful* and your *Counselor*?

We are also told that Jesus will be called Prince of Peace. He came to bring you peace. In Him we now have peace with God, with others and even with ourselves.

Romans 5:1 says, **“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”** Jesus died on the cross for our sins and we have accepted Him as our Lord and Savior. We now have peace with God. We need to know that we have peace with Jesus and we need to know that we have peace with God too.

Hebrews 8:12 says, **“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”** Our sins are forgiven and God will never remember them. It doesn't say He forgets our sins. If He forgot them then He might remember them. God has the positive ability to choose to never remember our sins.

Prayer: Lord, I know You are wonderful and I thank You for counseling me and teaching me Your ways. I know that I am now at peace with You and the Father because I have given my life to You. I also know that You will never remember my sins because they have been completely paid for. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday April 23

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7-9

Luke 19:1-28

Praise the Lord! 1 John 3:1 says, **“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.”**

God loves you. Don't you know this and aren't you glad that this wonderful truth is settled in your heart? Well, this verse says even more about this. **See what great love the Father has lavished on us.** God doesn't just love you. He *lavishes His love on us*. Doesn't that sound good to you?

Look at the next two verses in John 3, **“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.”**

Look at this: **But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him.** Does that stretch your thinking? If it doesn't, maybe you need to read it again. **We shall be like Him.** Want another verse on this? Romans 8:29 says, **“For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”** We are being conformed to the image of Jesus.

All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. When we choose to live in purity we are choosing to be conformed to His image and we are becoming more and more like Him.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for loving me and thank You for lavishing Your love on me. I want to live fully for You and I want to represent You well to others. All of this gives me hope and I want live in purity. I know that I can only do these things with Your help and I know that You will always help me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday April 24

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 10-12

Luke 19:29-48

Praise the Lord! 1 John 2:1-2 say, **“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”**

Jesus paid for our sins. There is no other way for a person to be forgiven. 1 John 4:14 says, **“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.”** Jesus is the Savior and there is no other. Thank God.

1 Peter 3:18, **“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.”** Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins. He was righteous and He died for us, the unrighteous. He was put to death so we could have life and life in abundance. We can't add anything to what Jesus did for us on the cross. We have to believe and receive.

John the Baptist recognized these things ahead of time. John 1:28-29, **“This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**

John the Baptist recognized that Jesus was the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world. All the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament pointed to Jesus coming and dying for the sins of mankind.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for all that You have done for me. Help me to know that I really am forgiven because of Your great sacrifice on the cross. I want to know that I am forgiven and free from all my sins. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday April 25

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 13-14

Luke 20:1-26

Praise the Lord! I John 1:9 says, **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”** Praise the Lord! What a wonderful verse. We are so blessed to be able to study God’s Word and to learn the truth.

When we confess our sins, God is faithful. He is always faithful to do what He says He will do. He said He forgives our sins when confess them and He always keeps His Word. Isn’t that Good News? God is faithful and He is just. He will always forgive our sins and He is just in forgiving our sins because He knows that Jesus paid for our sins.

God not only forgives Our sins. He also purifies us from all unrighteousness. Thank God. God takes care of everything for us. He forgives us and He helps us to avoid sins. He purifies us from all unrighteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:21 reveals this same truth. **“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

Jesus paid it all so we could be forgiven and so we could be born-again. We are now in Him and we are the righteousness of God. The more we know this and renew our minds to it the easier it becomes for us to live righteously. You see, some people are trying to do righteous things so they can become righteous. They are relying on their own efforts. We believe that we are forgiven and that Jesus has made us righteous and that is so important. When we know are righteous in Jesus it is easy for a righteous person to live righteously.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for cleansing me from all unrighteousness. I know that You were just in forging me because Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I don’t ever want to miss out on living in anything that You have paid for me to have. I choose to believe Your Word. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Saturday April 26

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 15-16

Luke 20:27-47

Praise the Lord! I started the month off saying that I wanted to show you truth about our being acceptable to God through Jesus. Yesterday, I wrote to you about God forgiving us, cleansing us and empowering us to live righteously.

With that in mind, look at 1 Corinthians 10:13, **“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”**

This is such a wonderful promise. When I was first saved I turned to this verse so often that there came a time when I realized I had it memorized. When we face temptations the truth of this verse will always help us.

Jesus is faithful and He promises not to let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. Now, I want to make sure to tell you that this is true when we are relying on Him and His help.

Look at the last part of this verse: **But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.** Jesus will provide you the way to endure and overcome the temptation. We need to be looking to Him and we need to be sure to take the way that He provides. I don't mind repeating that truth because I know it was and is something I need to settle in my life and you need to settle it in your life too. We need to be looking to Him and we need to be sure to take the way that He provides.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for empowering me to live for You. Thank You for promising to always provide me a way to overcome temptation. I know that this promise is true and I know that I need it. Help me to always turn to You for help and then help me to take the way You provide for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday April 27

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 17-18

Luke 21:1-19

Praise the Lord! Want some good advice for today? 1 Peter 2:1-3 say, **“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.”** Do these verses seem like good verses for me to give you on Sunday? What about Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. . . You probably got my point.

These are things that we should do every day. We are told that there are some things that we need to *get rid of* and there are some things that we should *crave*. The more we put off bad things and the more we crave good things the better we will do.

Look at Colossians 3:1-4, **“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”**

Since we are saved and have eternal life in Jesus, we should set out hearts on things above and not on earthly things. This doesn't mean we won't take care of things in this life but we shouldn't ever forget Jesus and eternity.

Let's pray and ask God to speak to us about things that we need to get rid of and ask Him to show us things that we should crave.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for hearing and answering my prayers. I ask You to speak to me about things that I should get rid of from my life and I ask You to speak to me about things that I should crave. I also thank You for helping me to do these things every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday April 28

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 19-20

Luke 21:20-38

Praise the Lord! Here are some verses that talk about how you were saved. I Peter 1:18-21, **“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.”**

We weren't saved and redeemed by anything in the natural. All those things will pass away eventually. We were redeemed and saved *with the precious blood of Jesus*. His blood and His salvation at work in our lives will never end. The salvation we have is eternal salvation.

We believe in God. We believe in the resurrected Lord Jesus. Our faith and hope are in God. Some people put their faith and trust in things of this world and they are often disappointed when things change. We have our faith and trust in Jesus and He never changes. Thank God. Hebrews 13:8 says, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”**

Psalms 103:17 says, **“But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children.”** God's love for you is *from everlasting to everlasting!*

Prayer: Lord, thank You for redeeming me and for saving me with the precious blood of Jesus. I thank You for eternal life. Help me to know that You never change. I love reading and learning from Your Word and I believe. I know that You love me now and I know that You are never going to quit loving me. Help me to share Your love with others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday April 29

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 21-22

Luke 22:1-30

Praise the Lord! Well, we are almost to the end of April and Jesus is still Lord and He will always be Lord. Thank God that we have given our lives to Him and we are born-again, Bible believing, Spirit-filled Christians. We are going to make it. Did you need that encouragement today? If you did then I wrote it out just for you.

Look at Hebrews 10:14, **“For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.”** Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross so you could be saved. Isn't that amazing? This verse says even more. He sacrificed His life on the cross and **He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.** That is talking about you and me today. In the Old Testament, the sacrifices had to be made over and over. They could never provide the salvation we have.

Hebrews 10:1 says, **“The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.”** No one was saved by those sacrifices. Thank God we are New Testament believers.

We are going to make it because Jesus saved us and He is never going to quit working in our lives. As a matter of fact, He is praying for us right now. Hebrews 7:25 says, **“Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”** Jesus is praying for you right now. Let that truth give you confidence and assurance.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for laying Your life down for me. I believe that Your sacrifice was great enough to provide me salvation and eternal life. It is also amazing to me that You are praying for me and I know that Your prayers are being answered. I am so blessed. Help me to represent You well to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday April 30

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 23-24

Luke 22:31-53

Praise the Lord! Colossians 3:12-14 say, **“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”**

You have been chosen by God. Isn’t that amazing? Ephesians 1:3-4 say, **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight in love.”**

God chose you and He has blessed you in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Jesus. In the verses I started with in Colossians 3 we are told that we should cloth ourselves with good things. Now, I know this isn’t talking about physical things but it is talking about things like: **compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.**

Then we are told to bear with each other and we are told to forgive others. Did you notice how much we are supposed to forgive others? Don’t miss this: **Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** We should forgive others just like God forgave us. Aren’t you thankful for all the forgiveness God has given you? Well, that is how much you should forgive others. Then we are told to love and to live in perfect unity with one another.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for choosing me and for saving me. Thank You for blessing me in so many ways. I know that every good thing in my life is a gift from You. Help me to forgive others just like You have forgiven me a person of love and unity. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Up and Coming Events

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Every Wednesday morning at 7:30 AM the men meet for coffee and/or breakfast at the Church Office and a time of fellowship. Contact us here at the Church for more information.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

The first Saturday of the month, the women of Creative Ministries meet for a carry-in brunch at 12pm. Contact us here at the Church for more information and location.

We Have A New Mailing Address!



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Sunday Morning

Event	Time	Location
Main Service	10 -11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC
Sunday School	10:45-11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC

PLEASE JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30 BEFORE CHURCH FOR SOME COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AND LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP!

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