

UPCOMING

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Ora Barrett (rehab from hip surgery)
- Margie Wooldridge - Broken Hip
- Dwight and Sandra Callens

Communion Preparation

May - Callens
June - Rowell

Birthday / Anniversary

Sandra Callens - 17th
James Johnson - 19th
Larry and Connie Montgomery - 20th
Tristan and Auburn Rowell - 23rd
Shay and Robbie Cooper - 31st

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WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

The Spirit of Liberalism
Class // 8:30 am
Job Bible Class //
9:30 am
Worship Service //
10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Galatians Bible Class //
7:00 pm

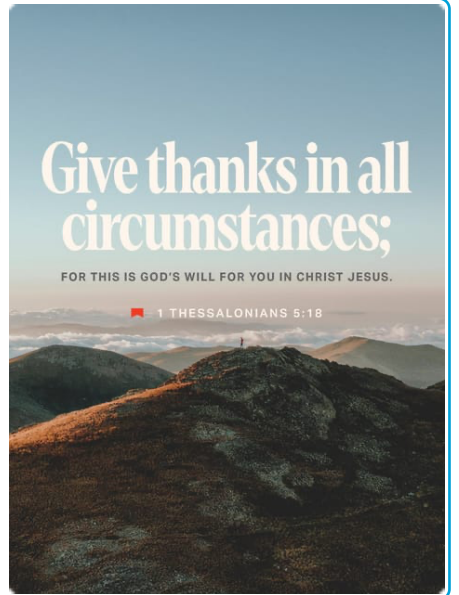
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Men to Serve

Announcements - Tristan Rowell
Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:14
- 16
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Larry
Montgomery
Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
Scripture Reading - Mark 14:17 - 25
Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



SERMON NOTES

Getting Rid Of The “Junk” In Our Life

By Mike Riley

Orbiting our planet at speeds more than 4.5 miles per second is a growing collection of space junk — where nuts, bolts, and other discarded debris from space flights are presenting a real hazard to future spacecraft. Their sheer speed makes the tiniest object strike with the impact of a bullet. For example, during one of the shuttle missions, a speck of paint created a pit a quarter-inch wide in a window of the spacecraft.

Sinful choices create their own kind of junk — unintended consequences. When Achan stole and hid forbidden booty, it cost him his life (Joshua 7:1-26). After King David committed adultery and murder, family discord followed (2 Samuel 15; 2 Samuel 16: 2 Samuel 17; 2 Samuel 18).

The law of sowing and reaping has never been repealed (Gal. 6:7; cf. Romans 2:6; 2 Corinthians 9:6).

Do we have any “junk” in our life? Sin’s consequences have a way of accumulating. When we confess our sins to God, He promises to forgive and cleanse us (1 John 1:9). For those we have hurt, we can seek ways of righting wrongs through restitution (Luke 19:1-8).

If we but ask, the God of grace will give us wisdom in dealing with bad decisions from our past and help us to make good ones in the future (James 1:5; cf. Proverbs 2:1-6).

The Devil’s “Deal”

By Mike Riley

Satan desires to have all men the way he desired to have Peter (Luke 22:31). Relentlessly, he seeks to gain advantage over men through the employment of devious and persuasive devices (2 Corinthians 2:11). That some don’t care and that others don’t take him seriously only makes his work of destroying souls easier. Peter calls him our adversary, who, “as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Not that he looks or sounds like the lion (better that he did!), but that he seeks his prey as the hungry lion, even when appearing as an “angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). It matters little to Satan that most of his followers deny (even resent) being identified with his kingdom. Why should he care about those who deny voting for him so long as he carries the election? Men serve Satan as they serve sin, claims to the contrary (even by some very “religious” folk) not withstanding. As John puts it, “he that committeth sin is of the devil” (1 John 3:8).

Giving A “Place” To The Devil

But even worse than Satan’s seeking a place in man is that man will give it! When Paul says “neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:27), he implies man’s ability to resist. James says plainly, “resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). This means that no man has to serve Satan; that every man as a free moral agent can choose his master. It means that the only place Satan can have in man is that which man gives him! Such indicates a potential and power for which every man should be thankful. Satan’s power is limited. With God’s help we can resist; we can endure (1 Corinthians 10:13), therefore we must! The devil ever seeks a place in man, but thanks be to God, he cannot take it!

Not only can the devil be given a place in man, his given, place becomes a growing place. Sin begets sin. The attitude that permits one will permit yet others, and with increasing ease. Recall David’s lustful looking upon Bathsheba and how it led to adultery, lying and finally murder. In every sin lies the germ of a hundred more. And with each successive sin comes a degree of hardening (Hebrews 3:13); a gradual dulling of the spiritual senses that soon “numbs” the violated conscience. Once given a place, the devil is hard to displace and soon expands his base of operations. That’s why he needs resisting, and the earlier the better!

In addition to being a given and growing place, the devil’s place is also a distracting place. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3) The word, “simplicity” here is singleness and sincerity as opposed to double or divided. Satan would divide and distract our minds from Christ.