

OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE SWAP: The *ladies* will be having a cookie swap, December 10th from 11am to 1pm. See Michelle or Tinicia. Sign up in hospitality.

DEVOTIONALS: By the door in the foyer are free devotionals available to the congregation along with prayer cards and church cards.

PACKING PARTY: November 27th, Post-Thanksgiving lunch after service and packing party for Rockvale High School youth.

READING PLAN: This week's reading is Revelation 21-22. Sign up if you have completed your reading!



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THE BOOK OF DANIEL

DANIEL 12
November 20th, 2022

INTRODUCTION

-The book of Daniel was always meant to be a cry for endurance as the promises of God are fulfilled over generations.

-Before their exile, God warns his people again and again that failing **spiritually** would produce **captivity**.

-Grace isn't a reason for believers to sin. It is a reason for us not to sin.

-Christianity will always be seen as a threat to the kingdoms of the world because it proclaims another King and another Kingdom, one where God's will is done, not man's will.

"Pride comes in looking at ourselves. Meekness comes through looking at God."

~Billy Graham

-Faithful Christians will always be at odds with the world because we have different answers to the question of, "Who are you living for?"

-The epidemic in Church is the false belief that God is our means to live the life we want, not the life He wants.

THE AWAKENING Daniel 12:1-4

Revelation 22:9 (ESV) but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

We live in a world competing for our worship. Those who worship God exclusively now, will worship Him forever.

History ends with both a physical and spiritual battle centered around worship.

All of this has been about the glory of God and our worship of Him. Revelation makes this fact abundantly clear.

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) The fear of the LORD is the **beginning of wisdom**, and the knowledge of the Holy One is **insight**.

At the end of all things, our lives produce fruit, whether good or bad, light or darkness.

Revelation 22:10 (ESV) And he said to me, "**Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.**

ABOMINATION Daniel 12:5-13

-You will never find lasting satisfaction in this world and there are needs we have that only God can meet.

-It is those that see life for what it truly is that turn to Jesus and look to His mercy, His grace, His blessing and eternity.

Genesis 3:15 (NASB95) *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, **And between your seed and her seed**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

Matthew 13:27-30 (ESV) *And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, '**An enemy has done this.**' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ **Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."**' ' "*

Matthew 13:38 (ESV) The field is the world, and the **good seed** is the sons of the kingdom. The **weeds** are the sons of the evil one

Revelation 14:15-19 (ESV) *And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." ¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped. ¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle.*

¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Revelation 21:3-4 (ESV) *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

Hebrews 11:16 (ESV) *But as it is, **they desire a better country**, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*