

OUR MISSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILLSIDE KIDS: We have more children in this church than we have ever had. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month. See Laura for details as we invest in our children's growing faith. The only places where our children hear about Jesus today is at home or church. Help us make a difference in their faith.

JOIN A GROUP: Our Tuesday prayer group and Wednesday Bible study meet each week. Prayer group meets at 6:30pm on Tuesdays in the sanctuary and our Bible Study groups meet on Wednesdays. We are currently in the book of Romans.

ANNUAL READING: Our annual reading continues. This week's reading is: Psalms 84-91.



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TEACHER'S WEEKEND

Ephesians 4
August 13th, 2023

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT *Ephesians 4:1-16*

- Paul Divides Ephesians into two parts. The 1st part deals with the wealth we have in Christ while the 2nd half deals with how we are to walk with Christ Our Wealth in Christ
 - **Ephesians 1** – Called by God's Grace alone to belong to the body of Christ.
 - **Ephesians 2:1-10** – We are raised from the dead.
 - **Ephesians 2:11-22** – We are reconciled to God through Christ
 - **Ephesians 3** – The mystery of Christ's victory is revealed to Jew and Gentile alike.
- Our Walk with Christ
 - **Ephesians 4:1-16** – Walk worthy of the calling God has given to you and unity in the body of Christ.
 - **Ephesians 4:17-5:17** – Do away with your old ways and walk in the purity of Christ.
 - **Ephesians 5:18-6:9** – Walk in Unity
 - **Ephesians 6:10-24** – Walk in Victory

-Too often we hear people say I don't need to know doctrine, I don't need theology, I just need to live my life in love and God will handle the rest. This way of thinking shows ignorance of how the Holy Spirit works in the life of a true believer in Christ.

7 "Graces" to preserve the Unity of the Spirit

- 1) Lowliness
- 2) Humility
- 3) Meekness
- 4) Long-suffering
- 5) Forbearance
- 6) Endeavor
- 7) Peace

"We do not live for Christ to get something; we live for Christ because He has already done so much for us!" —**Warren Wiersbe**

Scriptures Referenced: 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:3, John 3:27, Matt 11:29, Matt 5:38-40, Col 3:15, John 17:20-23

PUT ON THE NEW SELF *Ephesians 4:17-32*

-When Paul writes that we are "to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness, he is exhorting these believers who are living in a world fully immersed and surrounded by pagan idolatry ... to put off the old self -- **and to live in a manner very different from the world around them.**

-Salvation and forgiveness are yours, no matter where you are, or what you've done.. if you call on the name of Jesus.

-As you put off the old self, and "put on the new self that is created after the likeness of God, in true righteousness and holiness," **imagine that you are dressing for a wedding.**

Isaiah 61:10 *I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

- Many churchgoers today are wandering in a world dressed up with "churchy-ness", but they look just like the world.

The pagan, gentile world is:

- Darkened in Understanding
- Alienated by ignorance
- Hard of heart
- Callous
- Given over to Sensuality
- Greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

-The New Life in Christ is **not something you are conformed to**, as by a rule book... "do this, don't do that." It's something you're **transformed to**.

-Knowing that our words can either help or hurt the work of the Holy Spirit **should galvanize us.**

There is POWER in forgiveness. It's the power that saved you from hell. It's the power that clothes you in righteousness so that you can stand before a holy God! With great forgiveness comes responsibility. Our responsibility is to get clean... to put off the old self, to put on the new, and prepare for the coming of our bridegroom.