

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza
(FV) Calvin Burks
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Michael Flores
1st prayer: Mike Mehaffey
2nd prayer: Mike Mallett
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Judd Wall

August 10th

First Day of School

August 30th

Noon Fellowship

September 6th

Mision Sunday

September 7th

Labor Day

September 13th

Grandparent Day

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 27th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Anniversary

August 30th

Scotty & Crickett Miller

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct 21st

Prayer List:

James Lovell
Michael Payne
Valerie Garza
Virgina Lovell
Vernon & Linda Houts
Wanda Kitchens
Jorge Garza
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Assessing Our Life in Christ

A Christian is to be...

- ...Possessing the spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9)
- ...Accessing the word of Christ (Col. 3:16)
- ...Blessing always the name of Christ (Eph. 1:12)
- ...Confessing the Sonship of Christ (Acts 8:37)
- ...Stressing the authority of Christ (Matt. 28:18)
- ...Dressing in the image of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1)
- ...Addressing the importance of Christ (Col. 1:28)
- ...Progressing the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16)
- ...Expressing the love of Christ (Eph. 5:2)
- ...Impressing the care of Christ (Eph. 2:10)
- ...Pressing on for the cause of Christ (Phil. 1:27)
- ...Effervescing the light of Christ (1 John 1:7)
- ...Suppressing the enemies of Christ (1 John 4:1) - Edd Sterchi

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Results

We live in a results oriented society. The teacher has to keep on making lesson plans. And before those lesson plans are finished, more lesson plans must be made. The factory worker has to produce so many parts per day. He can't point to how many thousands of parts he has made through the years. He has to make more today. The nurse always has more patients to care for. The farmer can't rest on last year's yield. His crops must be bountiful this year. We spend so much time doing and seeking results. Each job has its own responsibilities.

I learned quickly that each week there is another sermon to preach, another Bible class to teach, another article to write. We spend so much time producing, in whatever we do; that sometimes we fail to soak in like we should. "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." (Psalm 46:10 NLT). Have you made the time to be still lately? Have you taken the time to read from God's word and to pray? God knows that you produce so much. You need to take the time to soak things in to be fruitful. We are men and women, not machines. Although, I will say even machines get tired and need a break too. My red van doesn't run constantly, but it is up to 300 thousand miles!

The Israelites kept the Sabbath, a built in day off for worship and rest. This was also incorporated into their land. The land was fallow every seven years, a Sabbath year. This was long before research showed the effectiveness of crop rotation. Even the land needed a rest. Every 50 years, there was a year of jubilee. The land rested for 2 years, year 49 (7 x 7) and year 50. Are you making the time to be a soaker? Read the bible daily. Pray daily. Take time to rest. A sopping wet sponge can't soak up anymore. Sometimes, we are all wet from producing so much. We haven't taken the time to be rung out. One of the best ways I have found to be refreshed is by worship. Unfortunately, mankind can try to change this into some results oriented commodity. In reality worship is meant to be focusing on God and being renewed. Soak up all you can from God. You will be better at whatever you do.

Jimmy Hodges

The Remarkable Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 43:1 tells us that we are redeemed, for God has redeemed us. Literally, this means I want to continue our series of looking at the Gospel of Isaiah this morning. As was mentioned the last two Sundays, the Book of Isaiah was written some 700 - 750 years before Jesus Christ came into this world as a Baby born of the Virgin Mary.

The final 27 chapters of the Book of Isaiah are simply amazing. Chapters 40 through 66 are practically a mirrored foretelling of the last 27 books of the Bible, what is commonly referred to as the New Testament. The theme of this second half of Isaiah is grace and salvation.

These 27 chapters, starting in chapter 40, are the most sublime and richest portion of Old Testament prophecy. In a sense it really is a single prophecy, one glorious vision, and one majestic revelation of salvation which will arrive through the coming Messiah. The last half of Isaiah is supreme. It's sweeping. It's comprehensive. It encompasses not only the deliverance of Israel from Babylon, not only the deliverance of sinners from sin, but the deliverance of the nations from the curse of sin and death and then being brought into the Kingdom of the Messiah. So, it has those same elements. The first part if Isaiah talks about judgment upon Israel, it talks about judgment upon sinners, and it talks about final judgment. The second half of the Book of Isaiah talks about deliverance for Israel, deliverance for sinners, and a final deliverance of the redeemed into the Eternal Messianic Kingdom.

Most interestingly the second half of Isaiah, chapters 40 to 66, begins where the New Testament begins. If you look briefly at chapter 40 for just a moment, the parallel is quite interesting. In chapter 40 we read, "Comfort, O comfort My people, says your God." And that's the turn that occurs in the Book of Isaiah. It goes from the pronouncing of judgment in the first 39 chapters, to offering comfort in the back half because of grace and salvation coming from God. "Speak kindly to Jerusalem," we now read. And then comes the prophecy in verse 3 regarding the coming of John the Baptist. "A voice is calling, clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness, make smooth in the desert a highway for our God."

And, of course, it was John the Baptist who came, who was the fulfillment of that prophecy. He was the forerunner of Messiah, he was the voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make in the desert a highway for our God." Just as John is featured in the gospels as Jesus begins His ministry, so, too, does the New Testament end in Revelation speaking of the same new heavens and new Earth, just as Isaiah does in the end of his book!

May the Lord bless you in knowing that Jesus is the way of life to life!

By David R. Ferguson