

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

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Pantry Item

Canned Potatoes

Sermon Notes

Dangerous "Isms" in the Home

I.

II.

III.

IV.

July 2, 2023

Welcome!

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

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"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

God's Power for Salvation

As the apostle Paul neared the end of his third missionary journey, he wrote a letter to the church in Rome, the capital of the great Roman Empire. The wicked Nero was then the emperor of this vast empire. In the beginning of the letter Paul stated: *"I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek"* (Rom. 1:14-16).

Notice the "I am's" in this reading:

1. *"I am debtor."* Paul realized he had been saved from sin and that he had an obligation to all men as far as possible to preach to them the Gospel of Christ. This is what Christ wanted him to do (cf. Acts 26:16-18; I Tim. 1:12-14), and he selected him to be an apostle especially unto the Gentiles. He had many dear friends already in Rome (Rom. 16:3-15; 15:18-24).

2. *"I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."* He was at this time ready and anxious to go to Rome.

3. *"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."* The word "gospel" means "good news" or "glad tidings. Why was he not ashamed of the Gospel? It is "the power" not "a power" or "one of the powers," but the only power that God uses for man's salvation. Since this was true, Paul was willing to suffer the trials of life, even imprisonment in order that he might go and

preach this glorious message for man’s soul’s salvation. God has made no other provisions for the salvation of the world than through the Gospel, the word of God. Salvation through the Gospel comes only to those who believe it, and it must be an obedient faith, not “faith only” (Mark 16:15-16; Rom 1:5; 16:26; James 2:24). The Gospel comes first to the Jews, afterwards to the Gentiles. In the Gospel is God’s plan of making men righteous, which is by faith, and it is revealed to produce faith. Young men today are especially urged to know and to teach (preach) this divinely given Gospel message to the whole world; they are greatly needed to do this work in this good nation as well as in other parts of the world. No one should ever be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, yet some people are ashamed of the Gospel; but not so for Paul. Really, this statement is the theme of this letter. Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel, “*For it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.*” It is the power appointed of God for the salvation of all! So we must emphasize that the power by which God saves men is the Gospel, the message of God’s redeeming love for all mankind.

Many people in the religious world do not teach and believe that the Gospel is God’s power for saving men. They think that in *conviction* and *conversion*, there must first be a direct work of the Holy Spirit on the heart of the sinner. Many have been the prayers for God to “send the converting power down and save these sinners now.” Many have been the debates and sermons to teach people that the Gospel -- the inspired word of God -- is God’s power for salvation; that God has no other power to save.

In the Bible, we do not read of any inspired man telling his auditors that they must have a direct work of the Spirit to enable them to obey the Lord and be saved. But the Scriptures clearly teach that the Holy Spirit always operates upon man’s heart through the word and only through the word. The Bible does not teach a direct, mysterious, operation of the Spirit for salvation in addition to and distinct from God’s word. The Holy Spirit inspired men to give to us the Scriptures: “*...holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*” (II Peter 1:21).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/25/23
Bible Class: 46
A.M. Worship: 75
Wed. B. C.: 26

Family News and Notes

Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s dad, is undergoing chemo treatments. Jeanette is with her family in West Virgina. **Geraldine Cook** is having some health challenges. **Laurence Shaver’s** brother is going to have surgery in Arkansas. **Carlee Pool, Kyle Pool’s** grandmother, is doing some better but please keep her in prayers. **John Patchell’s** niece is struggling with her health. **John Williams** is doing much better. His last knee surgery has been rescheduled for August. **Margaret Langston** fell and was injured but is doing a little better. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. **Linda Hernandez** has a significant heart problem. Let’s remember one another in prayer. Pray for our world leaders at this time. Active military: Pray for all active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment’s notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. We have 5 active duty members here at Cape Fear. Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Deborah Ross, Sandra Hedgepeth**, and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
Is 5-8	Is 9-12	Is 13-16	Is 17-20	Is 21-24	Is 25-28	Is 29-32
Ps 1	Ps 2	Ps 3	Ps 4	Ps 5	Ps 6	Ps 7

Events

Men’s Lunch: Friday at 11am @ Golden Corral
Men’s Training: Sunday, July 23, after morning worship. For all men of the congregation.
Teachers’ Meeting: Sunday July 30th. After morning worship. For all teachers.

