

June 2021

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the scooter table/info booth following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- The **Life Team** is sponsoring a Life Walk fundraising walk to benefit **Positive Options**. The walk will be at First Baptist Church, Zeeland, on Saturday, June 19th at 9 am. Plan to ask family/friends to sponsor you. Bring out the whole family! Check the scooter table/info booth for more information about signing up. Or go to lpcenters.com/walk4life-2021.
- Storms and difficulties are often part of our lives. The good news is that God loves to bring healing and restoration to our broken hearts. If you are facing or have experienced divorce and would be interested in a **Divorce Care Group** led by an experienced and qualified counselor, please contact Lynne LeHocky at: llehocky@yahoo.com or Pastor John at: john@gracechapelzeeland.com
- **Ladies, mark your calendar!** We are going on a **bus trip to Shipshewana** on June 15th! The bus will leave Grace at 8:00 am and return around 7:00 pm. Plan on eating at the Blue Gate Restaurant around 4:00 pm before heading home. The cost will be \$10/person (lunch will be extra). Please sign up at the scooter table/info booth.
- **Go And Tell** is a worship ministry of Grace Chapel. They are going to be doing an **outdoor concert with Chris August** in the evening on **June 19th** at Country Dairy in New Era. If you are interested in coming, you can purchase your tickets from the event sponsor at unitychristianevents.com. Mary Dykstra is putting a group together to go to the concert on our Grace Chapel Bus. If you are interested in riding the bus please buy your ticket online and also go to the scooter table/info booth to sign up for the bus. You are also welcome to drive yourself to the concert. Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. You may bring food but it is also available to purchase. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



June 6th 2021 - 13th & 14th Resurrection Appearances

Most Important questions you will ever answer?

Do you believe Jesus _____ from the _____?

Do you submit your _____ to Jesus as the only source of _____?

Acts 9:1-31, Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. ¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." ¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. Saul got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. ²³ After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, ²⁴ but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. ²⁵ But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. ²⁶ When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

With God, are you a door _____ or a door _____ for people?

²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰ When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. ³¹ Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

When I give my _____ to Jesus; my past is _____!

Romans 7, "The things I want to do, I don't do, the things I don't want to do, I end up doing."

II Corinthians 5:16-17, "So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Life Application:

Saul was living what would be defined as, "a good religious life". Saul was not living a life that would have sent him to heaven. Are you just living a "good religious life"? Saul had a great relationship with the church people and a prominent position in the church structure. Those relationships and position were not leading Saul to heaven. Are you just living for your church friends or church standing? Really evaluate what you are doing in your Christian walk. Do you have a REAL relationship with Jesus? Discuss with someone close to you.



June 6th 2021

13th Resurrection Appearance

1. Pastor Adam, read us a quote by Josephus who was not a Christian, the quote included statements such as: "Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man, he wrought surprising feats, he was the Christ, those who had come to love him did not give up their affection for him, on the third day he appeared restored to life, and the tribe of Christians has not disappeared." What would this tell you as an observer of this time?
2. Increasingly, it appears that the "biblical Jesus" and the "historical Jesus" are one and the same. So, how would you explain this simply, and in a few sentences to a doubter?

KEY QUESTIONS: Most Important questions you will ever answer:

**Do you believe Jesus rose from the dead?
Do you submit your life to Jesus as the only source of salvation?**

READ: Acts 9:1-31

3. Saul was a great 'religious man', highly respected, incredibly well educated, supported by the church of his time, but he missed the entire point, he had it all wrong. Discuss how this happens in our Christian culture as well. How do we prevent this from happening in our own life?
4. How do our motivations get so confused?
5. Sometimes it takes a Damascus Road experience to wake us up, have you ever known anyone who had a moment like this?
6. Imagine being Ananias... Imagine God coming to you and telling you to go heal this person who is arresting and killing off your friends. DO you think you would go? Will you follow God no matter what he asks you to do? Would you put your own life at risk for Jesus? Even harder, would you put your families at risk for Jesus? These are impossible questions to answer. However, how can you ensure a right answer if this situation ever comes to your doorstep?

A Quote from Pastor Adam... We see Saul make a 180-degree shift.... Saul's life was flipped upside down because Saul came to know a real and living God. Saul made that shift from religion to relationship. And still to this day so many people get caught up in religion that they are missing the relationship with Jesus part. Saul studied the word of God and became a religious leader in his day and yet, missed God when God walked among us! In the same way we can grow up in church, spend our whole life in church and miss Jesus!

7. Barnabas opened the door and what was the result of him doing this?

KEY QUESTION: With God, are you a door opener or a door closer for people?

8. When someone comes to you with an idea do you listen or just shoot it down? When someone new comes, are you skeptical or encouraging? When someone changes do you believe they have changed or say, "Ya right...seen them say that before... they will never change!"
9. Do you help people grow closer to Jesus when they look at your life?

READ: 2nd Corinthians 5:16-17,

10. What does it mean to be "IN Christ?"

KEY POINT: Being IN Christ means; truly submitting to the Lordship of Jesus in every area of our life.

11. A relationship is more than head knowledge. How do you know when this has become a reality in your life? Is there any area of life you still need to turn over to Jesus?

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