



Today's Passage:
Pastor Tony will be speaking to us today from
Joshua 4:19-5:1

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Ponderings

THE STUFF OF JUDGMENT

PART FOUR: The Finale

To conclude our discussion on the role "works" play in our salvation, it's important to remember that our actions matter to God. In the book of Revelation Jesus says to His churches "I know your deeds". Clearly our actions play a role in God's judgment of us but this doesn't mean that we can save ourselves through an accumulation of good deeds. Kind acts confirm our salvation; they are not a way of achieving it. Salvation isn't the result of good deeds; good deeds are the result of being mercifully saved.

Our salvation was won by Jesus on the cross while we were yet sinners. (Romans 5:8) "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." His sacrifice saved us before we were capable of doing any good. At our lowest point, when most deprived and distant from God, Jesus died for us. And when He did, He crushed the self-righteous boasting of humanity. Salvation is *the gift of God, vs.9 "not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* (Ephesians 2:8-9) Again, salvation is not something earned by a good performance in this life.

As we so often profess here at New Life we are saved "by grace through faith" (Ephesians 2:8). Biblical "grace" could be described as the undeserved favor of someone with the authority and means to award the priceless gift of eternal life. In Christ we have such a King. As King it's His right to graciously extend salvation to anyone He wishes. And He has decided to save those who simply put their trust in Him. When we take Him at His Word, when we believe Him like a child, the complete and perfect sacrifice of Jesus covers us and we are saved by it.

While simple, saving faith is not easy because of our prideful flesh. We want credit for our salvation. We want to be honorably mentioned as a meaningful contributor when in truth Jesus did it all. All that God requires of us is that we believe Him. (John 6:40) "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ESV

For the saved then, doing "good" has nothing to do with earning salvation. Jesus already won that for those who believe. No, the "good deeds" of the saved are a grateful response for having first experienced the undeserved mercy of God. Indeed, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). A sense of being undeservedly saved is to inform everything we do.

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Please check a box below:

- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall
- Share this only with the pastor and elders

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If you would like someone to pray with you today, you may come to the front of the church immediately following the service.

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This Week's Calendar:

Jul 14 New Life Softball
7:00 p.m. at Alliance
Jul 15 GriefShare Meeting
12:30-2:00 p.m. at NLCC
building
Jul 16 Men's Bible Study
The Book of Acts
6:30 a.m. at NLCC building
Jul 16 Young Men's Bible Study
Moral Revolution (for 13-18 YRS)
6:00 p.m. at NLCC building

Sunday Nursery: (Infants - Preschool)
Jul 12 Matt & Naomi M, Devyn L, Seth S
Jul 19 Sara F, Carly P, Jocelyn F

*Please join us today at Pete & Barb
Manship's Home for a meal and to
celebrate our 10th Anniversary
following the service.*

Checkout New Life Online
newlifechristiancommunity.org

Our website is full of information about who we are, what we believe, and up-to-date information about what's going on at New Life. Find Links to:

• Events • Sermons Online • Set
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July Memory Verse: 1 John 2:15-17
"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life--is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." (ESV)

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The care of God in Christ is total and complete. Jesus has done all the heavy lifting for us. For those who believe in the biblical Jesus nothing is left to chance. Turns out even the good deeds rewarded on judgment day aren't original to us. (*Matthew 25:35*). They are divine appointments predetermined by God. (*Ephesians 2:10*) "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

In Christ,
Michael E. Schwab

If you missed the first three parts of Michael's Pastoral Ponderings, "The Stuff of Judgement" (or wish to refresh your memory) you can go to:
<http://newlifechristiancommunity.org/blog/>

Announcements:



Today, July 12th, we celebrate New Life's 10th Anniversary!

The Manship's have graciously offered to host the Fellowship Meal at their home today.

Here are directions from Dresser:
*From WI 35 Dresser Head East on County F (also State St.) *Turn left at stop sign to stay on CTY F
*Stay on F about 6 miles to 4 way stop at County Y
*Stay on F one mile to 180th St *Turn right on 180th St *1 Mile to 90th Ave *Turn left onto 90th Ave *1 Block - turn right onto 179th St *We are first driveway on right in cul-de-sac (885 179th St. - Dresser 715-755-3330) Parking: Please park along road or in cul-de-sac if possible. There is a big turn-around by house if you are dropping somebody or something off. Please leave parking in turn-around for folks that may have difficulty walking - thanks.

Food Safety Basic****Training.

Brian Hobbs - Environmental Sanitarian for Polk County will be presenting this course for anyone working with food in the public setting. There will be two classes offered yet this summer: Wednesday, July 15th at 4p.m or Monday, August 24th at 9 a.m. It is in the Osceola High School - Large Group Instruction Room. There is NO Cost for this training and a Certificate of Attendance is good for 2 yrs. You can register by emailing prattd@osceola.k12.wi.us

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Events to take Note of:

HELPERS NEEDED

Here's a great opportunity for us to rally around Kim Feske and support her as brothers and sisters in Christ: Kim needs help clearing out her storage unit and moving some shelves, cabinets and a few boxes to her apartment not far from the unit. If you can help on Friday, July 17th, please let Pastor Chandler know this morning. We need muscle and a truck or two.



COME JOIN US!

New Life's softball team meets every Tuesday this summer at Alliance Church in St. Croix Falls. Come to play (even if you haven't before) or to cheer on your team at 7pm.



BEACH FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday evenings at Sand Lake. Everyone is invited. Come any time after 5:30 p.m. and park in Roger and Sandy's driveway (1131 190th Street County Road Y - Dresser).



RELAY FOR LIFE

This Polk/Burnett event will be held on Saturday, August 9th from 4 to 11 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds. The Stratmoen's will be walking to raise money that stays locally to help people in our community.

If you would like to donate toward this cause, please see Pam or Phil Stratmoen. Please make your tax deductible donation to American Cancer Society. They would love to have you join their team at Central Bank if you're interested in walking too. Just let Pam Stratmoen know! She will also have Luminaries for sale shortly that you can purchase and decorate in memory or honor of those you know who have struggled/or are struggling with a form of cancer. If you will not be able to get them to the event, as long as you have them back to Pam prior to the event, she will be sure to have them displayed and lit during this beautiful commemorative time.



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