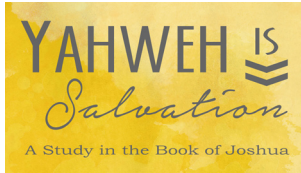


Today's Passage



Pastor Tony will be continuing in the Book of Joshua.
Our passage for today is Joshua 20:1-9.

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

Our Iniquities for His Righteousness

"Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities."-Isaiah 53:11

Consider the depth of what the Lord has described in this verse. To achieve righteousness is to achieve a legal status as one who is without sin. The only righteous human to achieve such a status is Christ and Christ alone. You might be thinking, "Wait, I am a righteous person. I strive to achieve righteousness in the eyes of those around me so that I may bear a better witness of the relationship Jesus offers." Please lovingly consider that, while this may seem to make sense and tickle your ears as a positive thing to say/think, it is evidence of a lack of righteousness. You may have even heard someone claim, "I am a righteous person; I love God and I am free from sin." Again, while it may sound correct and may even seem to make sense; there is a fundamental breakdown with regard to righteousness. Read the above scripture from Isaiah once again. To be clear, the author is describing a picture for all of mankind, past, present, and in the days to come. What is that picture? It is that we have nothing to offer the Lord except iniquities. His love for us willingly accepts our iniquities in trade for the righteousness that can only be found in Jesus.

The world promises mankind that we can fix ourselves. That our iniquities are a result of a lack of knowledge, a lack of nutrition, resources, experiences, and environmentally driven. The world tells us that we can overcome those iniquities as a result of our own abilities and strengths. The world offers mankind nothing but lies as a product of sin and the works of our enemy. One does not have to search far and wide to find a self-help product, book, tape, cd, or guru. Check out the self-help section of a bookstore and you will see the evidence of a world gone mad because it has chosen to drink the nectar of pride and self-righteousness. Quite frankly, to even consider that we somehow have the ability, strength, knowledge, etc...to overcome our iniquities is arrogant and blasphemous. How so? Consider Galatians 2:21, *"I do not nullify the grace of God, for*

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if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose." If we believe that we can achieve righteousness on our own accord, then we are also claiming that Christ's death was pointless; that the gift of salvation found in the righteousness bestowed upon us from God through Christ isn't necessary.

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."-2 Corinthians 5:21

The Word of God is clear, it is only because of the covering of Christ that we can be found as righteous in the eyes of God. Christ **alone** can arm us with the breastplate of righteousness. To pursue righteousness is to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ as we continue to work out our salvation as we are instructed in Philippians 2:12. What a blessing it is to know that his love is so abounding, that he gave his life so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God!

Your brother in Christ, Zack Fugate



We are still looking for someone to be our Vacation Bible School coordinator for this summer. If you are interested in this position or learning more about it, please contact Cara Gilbertson or Pastor Chandler. Thanks!

upcoming [events]

March 2 Afternoon GriefShare Mtg.,
12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Green Room @ NLCC

March 2 Immerse (family worship),
6:30 pm @ the building

March 3 *Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts*,
6:30 a.m. @ the building

March 3 Women's Bible Study, Book of Hebrews,
9:30 am @ the building

March 3 Evening GriefShare Mtg., 6:30-8 pm
@ (green room, the building)

February Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 2:14

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.



FMSC "Envelope" fund raiser. New Life has been asked to make \$3000 in offerings, which have been broken down into several easy-to-manage increments written clearly on envelopes located in the entry way of the building. Please prayerfully consider taking one or more envelopes to contribute to this worthy event to help New Life meet this offering. Once you choose your envelope, PLEASE make your check out to FMSC and return it in the offering box, or to Pam Stratmoen. New Life has been also asked to donate 8 pans of bars or cookies for the actual event. There will be a sign-up sheet nearby the FMSC "Envelopes" if you wish to contribute in this way.



The Set Apart conference will be March 4th & 5th at the University of Northwestern. Tickets are available online @ setapartconference.com, Phone: Ticket Office 651.631.5151 Toll-free: 866.821.5151

'The Pack.' New Life will be having its own registration for signing up several groups for 'The Pack', with sign-up sheets located in the entry way of the building. 'The Pack' will be held on Friday April 1st with the following time slots to be available: 5:00 pm-7:00 pm and again on Saturday, April 2nd 9:00 am-11:00 am, 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. This event promises to provide fun and fellowship while you donate your time.

"Drawn in the Word." Hope Evangelical Free Church is hosting a "Drawn in the Word" on Sunday, March 6th at 3:00 pm, with all funds going to FMSC. They have asked New Life to donate 3 pans of bars for this event and Pam Stratmoen is looking for volunteers to commit to doing this since she will be in Dallas that weekend. Please contact Pam Stratmoen for details if interested in helping out FMSC in this way.

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