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The Purpose

From here to heaven... Following God wherever He leads us.

Commentary from a common Terry

What is this spiritual healing?

Last week I cited several verses in the New Testament that announce the *renewal* of the Christian man and woman. We are not simply adapted and adjusted, our sins glossed over, still always lurking under the surface.

We are renovated. The old is done away with. The eternal damage of sin is not simply patched up with some kind of cosmic duct tape and baling wire. The damage is *gone*. There is no presence of sin. There is no residue. There is no scar.

That's the *spiritual* truth of forgiveness and renewal through Jesus, granted by the Father and guaranteed by the Spirit. When the *Hebrews* author considered Jesus as our new, ultimate High Priest, he included a lengthy quote from Jeremiah 31:31-34. That text, God's words to His people, ends with this Divine promise: **"For I will be merciful to their iniquities and I will remember their sins no more."** (Hebrews 8:12)

This notion of forgotten sins...it's a God thing. We've all heard the advice when dealing with a difficult conflict with someone that we need to, "...forgive and forget." Yeah, sure. That ain't gonna happen. It is not humanly possible. The only One in scripture Who does that is God. He can truly forget our sins. They are *gone*. Whatever spiritual and eternal damage they might have done, that's been remedied.

Psalms 103 begins with that wonderful shout of gratitude and praise: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!** (Psalm 103:1) David then beautifully demonstrated *why* we get up every day with a worship of blessing toward God. One of those blessings from God? **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.** (Psalm 103:11-12)

We can't, in reality, do that. It's God territory. But here's what I know: God will so completely work in our hearts and souls that the sins we've done and the sins others have done toward us can become so overwhelmed by His grace that they have no impact. When Satan prompts us to remember, we focus on forgiveness, not injustice. *It is as if they are gone.* This is spiritual healing on

earth. Memory is memory. It can't be erased. But we are becoming so in step with God through His Spirit that the sins are far, far away and cannot influence us more than God's mercy and grace influence us.

In fact, we need to be able to admit the reality that we are sinners if we are going to tell the story of redemption, renewal, and renovation. But we do *not* revisit the pain and guilt of sin. We celebrate that God has removed them, as far as the east is from the west.

Just how far is the east from the west? Well, speaking globally—literally—the two never meet. I don't know if this is what David had in mind, but it sure works today for us to understand. If we travel north or south, we eventually go as far as we can go. When we hit the North Pole, any direction we go is south. And the same is true at the South Pole. Everything is north.

But east and west? We just keep going. We don't reach a stopping point. We never go as far as we can go to the east or to the west. That's how far God has removed our sins from us. An infinite distance.

The next to last verse of the prophet *Micah* adds another layer of, "Wow!" to this. God will trample our sins. He destroys them. And then, just for good measure, He will, **"...cast all our sins in the depths of the sea."** (Micah 7:19) Some Bible scholars have labeled this sea *The Sea of Forgetfulness*. This imagery assures us that our sins, once they have passed through the forgiving blood of Jesus, are tossed and are *irretrievable*.

It is unavoidable that we cannot eliminate the scars of life. There are consequences. There are outcomes. There are reminders. But can we be so swept up in "as far as the east is from the west" and the "bottom of the sea" forgiveness of God that we are no longer burdened by the scars?

That's spiritual healing. That's renewal, our lives being renovated down to our very core.

It is a misery to relentlessly revisit our sins and guilt. It is a mystery of joy when the guilt and burden is released. *A new creation!*

Love one another,

Ladies' Prayer Group meets this Tuesday

The next meeting for the *Ladies' Prayer Group* will be this coming Tuesday, the 28th. We meet in the home of Margy Lininger at 10 a.m. (Check with the church office for the address.) All are encouraged to join us.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are thankful you are with us today as we worship our God and Savior. Our prayer is that you will encounter Him today.

A nursery for small children is available in the east hall off the lobby.

What will you experience at Westview?

- **Praise through song.** It is the tradition of our heritage to sing a cappella (without instruments) as we encourage everyone to be involved in uplifting praise.
- We value the **Bible**. You will hear God's Word read and all sermons will give the utmost respect and priority to Scripture.
- We share the **Lord's Supper** every week remembering Christ's sacrifice that provides us forgiveness as we celebrate our salvation through Him.
- **We do not expect our guests to give financially** to our work. We depend on the generous and godly giving of all Westview members to provide the funds needed to implement God's plans for this church.

We invite you to stay for Bible classes following our worship time. We hope you have been blessed today!

While other worlds views lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy.

~~Timothy Keller (20th-21st century theologian)~~
from *The Vision of Ephesians: The Tasks of the Church and the Glory of God*

Let us leave sadness to the devil and his angels. As for us, what can we be but rejoicing and glad?

~~St. Francis of Assisi (13th century Italian church leader)~~

Today's Order of Worship

Be Exalted, O God

You Are the Words and the Music

Meet & Greet

Announcements & Reminders

Awesome In This Place

Prayer

I Am Resolved

Sermon

The Invasion:

God's Church God's Way (2)

How Great Is Our God

Scripture Reading:

Habakkuk 3:17-19

The Lord Is In His Holy Temple

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice

Contribution Collected

Give Thanks

Elder blessing & prayer

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Unison Reading:

II Corinthians 2:14

Upcoming events, opportunities, and reminders:

The kids' worship handout is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONATED TO THE MSCH FOOD DRIVE, you are running out of time. We have not heard yet what day this week they will come by and pick up the donations we have collected. For now, if you still need to bring something, we'll make sure you have access to the lobby to leave your contribution. Or, you can still give gift cards that can be used. You can leave those with Terry.

Wanda Giles has moved to Castle Rock and will live with her daughter. We are saddened to see her leave, but are thankful she is with her family. Here is her address:

Wanda Giles
2291 Mercantile, St.
8-304
Castle Rock, CO 80109

Sunday morning classes: The fellowship room class is a verse-by-verse textual study, led by Randy and Tom. Tom is currently leading a study of the book of **John**.

Terry's class, which meets in room #14, is entitled *What Am I Supposed To Do?* We will be in this study for a few more weeks.

The **Wednesday night Bible study group** meets at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We are currently studying the book of *Galatians*.

The Kitchen is a ministry to the homeless. We cook burritos on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and take them to the homeless shelter. You can help cook, deliver, or both. **It varies from week to week if we are meeting.** This week's plans have not yet been determined.

Servers for Worship today (26th)

Scripture Reading Steve Sebold
Prayer Troy Wallace
James Pascoe (communion prayers)
Taylor Wikum (contribution prayers)
Tyler Wade
Tyler Wallace
Dean Weber
Tylere Blount



The Westview Men's Coffee is every Tuesday morning from 6 to 8 a.m. in the fellowship room.

The Westview Women's Coffee is every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the fellowship room.

Registration for this year's Northern Colorado Christian Camp continues. The camp is early this year, May 31st through June 6th. There is an informational flyer in the lobby. If you need financial assistance for the cost, please let Terry know as we have funds available. If you would like to help sponsor a camper (or two), also let Terry know this.

The May Bible Reading Plans are printed and in the lobby.



Prayer reminders

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.