

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Malachi 1:1 – This is the **message** that the Lord gave to Israel through the prophet Malachi.

God's Word is not to be taken lightly.

God's Word will confront our way of living.

Malachi 1:2a – “I have always loved you,” says the Lord. But you retort, “Really? How have you loved us?”

Why do we question God's love?

1. We forget past miracles.

Malachi 1:2b–3 – And the Lord replies, “This is how I showed my love for you: I loved your ancestor Jacob, but I rejected his brother, Esau, and devastated his hill country. I turned Esau's inheritance into a desert for jackals.”

2. We get frustrated with present circumstances.

Malachi 1:4 – Esau's descendants in Edom may say, “We have been shattered, but we will rebuild the ruins.” But the Lord of Heaven's Armies replies, “They may try to rebuild, but I will demolish them again. Their country will be known as ‘The Land of Wickedness,’ and their people will be called ‘The People with Whom the Lord Is Forever Angry.’”

3. We fail to see future blessings.

Malachi 1:5 – When you see the destruction for yourselves, you will say, “Truly, the Lord's greatness reaches far beyond Israel's borders!”

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What now?

1. Avoid looking at the temporary.

2 Corinthians 4:17a, 18 – For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2. Acknowledge God's righteous judgment.

Proverbs 28:5 – Evil people don't understand justice, but those who follow the Lord understand completely.

3. Accept God's generous mercy.

1 Peter 1:3 – All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation.

Coming soon:

1. **Graduation Sunday:** If you are graduating from high school or college, sign up using the QR code on screens so we can celebrate with you during the 10:45 am service. The last day to sign up is Wednesday, May 13.
2. **DRC Missions:** Thank you for your continued prayers and giving to help our team reach their financial goals. You can give online or at the red giving stations today.
3. **Fight Like a Man:** The men's Bible study continues Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm. Discover how to conquer and defeat the daily temptations that all men face.
4. **Baptism Sunday:** Baptism is the first step of obedience upon placing your faith and trust in Jesus. If you're ready to take this next step and go public with your faith, sign up for baptism on Sunday, May 31: danriverchurch.org/baptism.