

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear sin's penalty, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through faith in Him.

Believe the Gospel (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16)
Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

Confess Jesus as Lord (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
An outward expression of your inward faith.

Repent (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12)
Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

Be Baptized (*immersion in water*- Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21) - The moment your sins will be washed away. At this moment you will be united with Christ, and raised up with Him to walk in newness of life. **Then, God adds you to the church** (Acts 2:41,47), which is the called out body of Christ - the SAVED.

Remain Faithful (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23)
Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

	Today	Next Week
Greeter	Donna Thompson	Dale Miller
Song Leader	Troy Wallis	Jarrold Lucero
Prayer Table	Dave Samuelson	Jason Thompson
	Dale Miller	Kim Sleege
	Kim Sleege	Terry Tull
	Doug Matheny	Mark Knaack
	Connor Roseke	Gerry Moser
Scripture Reading Speaker	Collin Lucero	Roger Dunlap
	TJ Klith	TJ Klith
Announcements	Doug Lewis	Troy Wallis
Lord's Supper Prep	Virginia McBurney	Virginia McBurney

	Tonight	Next Week
Speaker	TJ Klith	TJ Klith



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Center Point Road Church of Christ

WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. BIBLE CLASSES (ALL AGES)
10:30 A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP
6:00 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

9:30 A.M. COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASSES (ALL AGES)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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DOES GOD WAIT UNTIL...

By Jim McGuiggan

Quoting a great sinner (David), Paul in Romans 4:7-8 says, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin." NRSV

He uses a double negative in 4:8 to stress the non-occurrence. As if, "The Lord simply will not do it!" Imagine someone asking a righteous man or woman to do something that thoroughly lacks integrity, trying repeatedly to get them to agree. Imagine the righteous person closing the matter with a final, "I simply will not do it!" and you have the tone of Romans 4:8. "There's little point in you trying to persuade me to do this. There is no way that'll happen."

What do we have here? We have a sinner whose sin is recognized as precisely that—sin! We have a Lord who simply will not hold that sin against this sinner. No wonder David and Paul call such a person "blessed"!

But not everyone is blessed in this way. A blessing of that magnitude belongs to a certain class of persons. "Obviously—they're God's 'pets'." No, God has no "pets". God is a God of holy grace and life with him is a gift of grace but the kind of life he gives cannot be other than a relationship that takes its direction and shape from his own character. Who are these blessed people? They are people who live in covenant with God and have by faith embraced what "life" with God means.

Within that covenant life and union their sins are not held against them (non-imputation, forgiveness and covering are all equivalent in Romans 4:7-8). This is a relationship of grace between two covenant partners that are not equal. But the relationship doesn't obliterate our moral weakness or our capacity to sin. God knew and knows that—how could he not know it? He called sinners to his side! It is sinners he makes his companions (see Luke 15:1-2 and elsewhere).

But they aren't sinners that actively despise him and rejoice in the scorn they have for him. These are convicted, contrite and repentant sinners that in his...

...name seek to glorify God and bless his creation. But sinners just the same! To them, in holy grace God credits no sin.

But surely they must be repentant. I've said so! But repentance is more than a frame of mind we adopt at the moment when we have done something wrong. It is a mindset that God in holy grace has drawn us into when we committed to him in covenant relationship. Repentance is an aspect of the relationship we entered! Just like the purpose to honor and support our spouse or our friend when we entered the relationship with them. The mindset permeates the relationship. It isn't an isolated act or thought or emotional response that happens every so often.

It's impossible to have a true friendship with someone we think we can treat as abominably as we wish anytime we wish. Such a mindset knows nothing of friendship. Friendship has built into it an attitude and purpose toward the other that leads to a certain kind of behavior toward that other. So it is with the friends and companions of God (compare James 4:4).

We are not to think that a Christian commits a sin and her sin hangs over her head until she goes through a specific mental and emotional act at which moment God forgives her or decides not to record her sin against her.

We are not to think that the cross of Jesus Christ was to make it easier for us to sin or to make evil appear less evil. Neither are we to live with the spiritual jitters, ceaselessly wondering if, having committed ourselves in faith to God, he is holding our sins over our head as an ever-present threat.

There is no assurance of sins forgiven for those not covenanted with God; that's what holy grace means. But for those that are in a faith relationship with him, sins are not credited against them because that's what holy friendship means.

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD will not take into account.

PRAYER LIST

- Gerry Moser (shortness of breath)
- Brittany Phillips (seizures)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

- Men's Business Meeting - Today @ 4:30
- Women's Bible Study - Mon - Jan 9th @ 7pm
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Sat - Jan 28th @ 9am at the Vinton Family Restaurant in Vinton
- Youth Lock-in - date being rescheduled
- Bible Bowl - Saturday, Feb 11th @ 10am
Participation sign-up is on the bulletin board

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning - The Epistles of Peter
Wednesday Evening - The Life of Elisha

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(B) Judy Parker - January 11

FOR THE RECORD

JANUARY 1, 2012

A.M. Worship	50
Contribution	\$1,923.80
Fiscal Year Avg.	\$2,641.03
Weekly Budget	\$2,150.00

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. How did Elisha get the axe head that fell into the Jordan to float?
2. Where did the army of the Arameans surround Elisha and his attendant?
3. How did Elisha calm his attendant who was in fear of the Aramean army?
4. After Elisha led the blind Aramean army into Samaria, what did the king of Israel ask Elisha?
5. What are some evidences that the famine in Samaria was severe?

Last Week's Answers: 1. Israelite slave girl [2 K 5:2] 2. king of Israel [2 K 5:7] 3. praying and hand waving [2 K 5:11] 4. little child's [2 K 5:14] 5. two mule loads of dirt [2 K 5:17] 6. cursed with leprosy [2 K 5:27]