

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

If your name is Jesus, what do you do for an encore? How do you top the resurrection event? His friends had some ideas. Well, actually, just one idea, but they were in shock and it took them awhile to bring it up.

Jesus, on the other hand, proceeded on the same path He'd been on. Same purpose. Same plan. Yes, He came to defeat death, **to show humanity that death was a portal not an insurmountable problem**. But it was not His endgame. Jesus came to save the world, and the resurrection, while it was an earth-shaking statement, a necessary statement, **was a transition statement**. He spent the 6 weeks after His resurrection teaching followers how to be leaders and disciples how to be missionaries. He wanted the whole world to know the story of why He came and Who He was. Mark 16:15-18, 20:

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My Name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

And then He left.

Talk about handing off the baton! Eleven blue-collar small business owners have been charged with spreading the word that the Rabbi from Nazareth is the Savior of the world. Will anyone listen?

Two thousand years later, that band of eleven is closing in on 3 billion. The world still needs saving and we're still telling the story of the Rabbi from Nazareth. **That's His encore**. More to come.

Welcome!

May 15, 2022



"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Youth & Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

THEOLOGICAL SEED

Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

Exodus 23:7 (Amplified Bible)

Keep far from a false matter and [be very careful] not to condemn to death the innocent and the righteous, for I will not justify *and* acquit the wicked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – 6 to 7 PM.

Wednesday Bible Study – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid’s Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

While the Pastor is away, Artie Henderson will be filling in.

Very Special Heart Felt Thanks – to all those who gave offerings to help the Pastor represent the church in Costa Rica. God bless you. We appreciate your prayers while we minister there.

Clean Church – Clean Property: Please help us keep the church and property clean by placing all garbage including gum in a trash can. Thank you!

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SERMON NOTES

WHY PRAY?

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- 1. PRAYING BUILDS _____ WITH GOD**
Relationship is _____ on communication. 1 Corinthians 1:9; Revelation 3:20
- 2. PRAYER HELPS US BECOME _____ HIM – 2 Corinthians 3:18**
The world system _____ our thinking, we must renew our minds.
- 3. OUR PRAYER _____ IS JESUS – John 13:15; Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16**
- 4. PRAYER ACKNOWLEDGES _____**
Prayer helps us remember that we can do _____ of significance without Him. James 4:6; John 15:4-5; Proverbs 16:18.
- 5. PRAYER NEEDS _____ – Luke 11:1**
- 6. PRAYER _____ US UP – Isaiah 40:31; Luke 22:46; Jude 1:20; 1 Corinthians 14:4, 14-15**
- 7. PRAYER _____ THINGS**
We have _____ in our domain and can _____ to invite God’s involvement – or not. Ezekiel 22:30; John 16:23-24; John 14:13-14
Our _____ as believers – which we can express in prayer – make a _____ in our lives and others’ lives. Mark 11:24
- 8. PRAYER PROMISES _____ – Jeremiah 33:3; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 50:15**