

A TIME OF REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson edited by Pastor Pier]

In two weeks, we'll be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. That's a given now. Everywhere in the world there are people who will mark that Sunday. But 2000 years ago, it was not a given at all. **Jesus knew.** He tried to signal to His followers and his friends, but they just couldn't see into that world. They only could see Jerusalem and the Passover as upcoming high points of the Jewish faith. They knew their Rabbi was not a favorite of the Temple leaders, but some of them simply believed that Jesus would unsettle everything. And everyone.

Or He wouldn't. And that would be okay with them, too. He could initiate the change they believed Messiah was prophesied to bring. Including getting rid of the hated Romans. They didn't know how, but they believed. It didn't happen.

Sounds like they just didn't have their act together. Which is true, they didn't. But thinking back on it, how were they to know? Would you have? If you had enough faith to believe this one-time carpenter Rabbi from Nazareth was the Messiah, what would you have thought? **Jesus is about to change the whole world.** He's the son of David, their greatest king, their greatest worship leader. He's the Son of God, even though He never calls Himself that. **He has the power of life in His hands, and He has the Words of life in His mouth.**

Of course, **He can change the world.** Abraham did. Moses did. Joshua did. David did. Elijah did. Did He? Did Jesus change the world? There is the minor or should we say major obstacle, free moral choice, but the fact remains, Jesus did come to save sinners. That will have a lasting effect on the world. 1 Timothy 1:15-17 (New Living Translation):

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of His great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; He alone is God. Amen.

Welcome!

March 26th, 2023



"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

Youth in the basement

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; & Kid's Club

THEOLOGICAL SEED

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

Matthew 6:19-21 (New Living Translation)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Flagging Practice – Wednesday, 6:00 PM just before our Bible study.

Women’s Ministries Spring Event: RISE UP! Saturday, April 29th at Bethel Full Gospel Church, Schenectady from 10 AM – 2 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person which includes lunch. Please sign up on the table in the foyer and make your payment by April 2nd. You may make your payment to New Life Assembly for tax deduction purposes. For more information, please see Caroline Zeyak.

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CHEER UP – THERE’S A BOX AT THE DOOR!

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Philippians 4:10-13; Matthew 6:19-21, 31-34 (NLT)

I. GIVING _____ WITH GOD

God _____ it to us in the _____ place.

A. His grace makes _____ possible.

Our giving _____ our inward _____ toward God.

B. His grace makes _____ possible.

He generously provides us the _____ and _____ to be generous.

II. GIVING IS TO BE _____

A. God owns all, _____ is His.

Every _____ is from Him.

Stewardship means that we take _____ of things that don’t belong to us, but are _____ to our care.

B. Give _____, out of _____.

1. Start with the _____ – Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23
2. _____ as God allows.
3. Watch Him _____.

III. GIVING PRODUCES _____

A. Allows the church to have financial _____.

B. Brings _____ and _____.

It brings _____ to God.

C. Positive _____!

Giving is a _____ witness!