

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Now what? Both of the big political parties in our country have had their conventions and named their candidates and now the true campaigns begin in earnest. It really doesn't matter what party you're part of, or what your political views are (even if you're independent), now your job is to decide who's telling the truth and who will best guide our nation forward. We are responsible to use the Word of God as our guide in the voting booth. For many, the decision is simple. Even if they don't like Donald Trump's personality – few do – they remember his four years in office as economically great. And the last four years as economically miserable. And that's enough.

But we're believers in Jesus, and He ran afoul of the political and social leaders of His time. Simply put, they didn't like Him. And they showed it with a sham trial and a public execution. What they didn't expect was the backlash. They killed a Hero and the Hero didn't stay dead. He didn't walk back into Jerusalem and overthrow the high priest. He didn't stand on the Temple steps and say, "*Look at me. I'm still breathing.*" He met quietly with His followers, eventually 500 of them, and told them to go tell everyone in the world who He was and what He had done.

It created a political firestorm. The Jewish leaders chased Jesus' followers all over the Roman world, calling them cannibals and pagans, getting thousands of them killed for their belief in this political mess in Palestine. If we think that the work of Constantine, 300 years later, put an end to the fighting, nope. The "*Christians*" have fought among themselves and killed each other for a lot of reasons for the past 2000 years. Now we number 34% of the world's population and political leaders nod at us and do whatever they want.

Is this election any different? Yes, to the democratic republic of the United States – and all those nations depending on us – absolutely. To the world in general? Maybe and maybe not. Our job is to carry the message of love and hope and forgiveness of Jesus to the world no matter who gets elected. That's what. For your voting decision read Ephesians 5:6-11 (New Living Translation):

Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey Him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So, live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

Welcome!

September 1st, 2024



"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 & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club
Prayer ½ hour before services

COVENANT BY BLOOD SACRIFICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

Flagging Class – will begin again on Wednesday, September the 4th at 6:00 PM prior to our Bible study. Special thanks to all the participants of this praise ministry.

Missionaries Barner – will be here for next Sunday, September 8th. Let us ask God what He might have us give to promote the Gospel in the Philippines.

Celebrating 40 Years – Living Word Parable Christian Store will be have an anniversary celebration September 14th from 9:30 AM to 6 PM. They are located on 952 Troy-Schenectady Road in Latham. Great fellowship in showing our support for this ministry.

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TEXT: Psalm 50:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Corinthians 11:25

This is a personal inward _____ of the Lord gained through personal _____ . Mark 5:18-19

No experience ever _____ the Word of God.

1. THE _____ – Genesis 15:17

That all that He was and had, was being _____ in that covenant.

God is handing _____ to Abraham! Genesis 22

2. THE _____ – Genesis 22:2

_____ was the _____ option because of the covenant.

We must never _____ our own _____.

God doesn’t come into our heart to _____ Himself with our will.

Not with _____, but with _____.

3. THE _____

I have _____ Him to you in _____ for yourself!

We will _____ have a test for God must _____ our part of the covenant. Romans 4:3, 16-22; Genesis 22:12; Daniel 3:16-18

The _____ became their covenant by sacrifice. Genesis 22:15-18

Those who have made a _____ by blood sacrifice will be those that are _____ to Him.

Those to whom God is _____. Malachi 3:16

The fear of the Lord is utter _____ to Him, totally _____ out to God! Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 9:10.

God _____ us everything and _____ everything.