

➔ **Psalm 119:121** I have done justice and righteousness; do not leave me to my oppressors.

Psalm 33—Praise of and trust in a holy, sovereign, and good God.

- 1–3 Call to praise the Lord
- 4–9 Praise God as Creator
- 10–12 Praise God as sovereign
- 13–15 Praise God as ruler
- 16–19 Praise God as deliverer
- 20–22 Trust in the Lord

- ☞ How is God’s sovereignty described in verses 10–11? Think through what is said here.
- ☞ What attribute of God is singled out in verse 21?

Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Thailand—Pray for us as we get our furlough materials ready.
- Christ-likeness at home and “work,” Col 3:18–4:1
- Not judge by externals, Jas 2:1; 2 Cor 5:16
- Persevering faithfulness in perilous times, Revelation 2–3; 21:7

“For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.”

2 Corinthians 4:15

Equipping the church,
Evangelizing the lost,
and **Entering** our building,
Acts 19:10

Hymn of the Week: “O That Will Be Glory”

When all my labors and trials are o’er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore,
Will thro’ the ages be glory for me.

Friends will be there I have loved long ago;
Joy like a river around me will flow;
Yet just a smile from my Saviour, I know,
Will thro’ the ages be glory for me.

Refrain:

*O that will be glory for me,
Glory for me, glory for me;
When by His grace I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me.*

Listen to the tune using your smartphone:



When, by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on His face,
Will thro’ the ages be glory for me.

Church Covenant Focus for This Week: “At all times we will demonstrate toward each member Christian love, humility, patience, and concern in our attitudes, speech, and actions.” Rom 12:15–16; 1 Cor 13:5–7; Phil 2:1–7; 1 John 2:9–11

Church members are brothers and sisters in Christ. Our relation is not based on anything in this life or world, but entirely on Jesus Christ. He is the One who made us alive and one in him. He is our Head, Lord, and God. We love him because he first loved us. He always shows love, patience, concern, and care for us. There is no greater display of humility in human history than the glorious eternal Son taking on the form of a lowly servant to die for rebellious sinners (Phil 2:5-8).

How much, then, should believers who have been saved because of Christ’s sacrifice and humility, who enjoy Christ’s continual love, patience, concern, and care, show the same for one another!

Our attitudes toward one another, what we say to and about one another, and how we act toward one another should be “real-life” demonstrations of Christ’s love, humility, patience, and concern.

Fundamental Christian Truth for Monday-Wednesday:

30) What is sin?

Sin is the failure to conform to God's holy character and is the transgression of His holy will. Rom 3:23; 1 John 3:4

- ➔ Most people measure themselves by themselves or by other people, and as a result always "come out ahead."
- ➔ The standard for us all, however, is no one other than the God who created us to reflect his glory and obey his commands.
- ➔ Everyone is to have as holy a character as God does, but all have fallen short of that standard (Rom 3:23).
- ➔ Everyone is to obey everything God has declared, his holy will, but all have broken—transgressed—such (1 John 3:4).

Monday, April 26

➔ **Psalm 119:115 Depart from me, you evildoers, for I will keep the commandments of my God!**

Psalm 27—*Trust in and praying for the Lord's protection.*

1–6 Trusting in the Lord

7–12 Prayer for deliverance

13–14 Trusting in the Lord

- ☞ Meditate on verses 2–3. Aren't these wonderful expressions of faith?
- ☞ Think of all the things in life that you "want." What is the "one thing" (v. 4) you want?
- ☞ What protected David from despair (v. 13)?

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, William, Priscilla, and Hudson Dion- Papua New Guinea— Pray for the growth of the church in Kiari
- Satan and wicked spiritual forces, Mark 4:15; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2; 6:12, 18
- Sinful hearts of the lost, Rom 3:10–18; 2 Cor 4:3–4; Eph 4:18–19
- Our own struggles with sin, Matt 26:41; Rom 7:13–25

➔ **Psalm 119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments.**

Psalm 32—*God's grace in the forgiveness of sins.*

1–2 The blessing of sins forgiven

3–5 Confession of sin

6–10 Encouragement to seek the Lord

11 Call for praise

- ☞ Could OT saints know and experience forgiveness of sins?
- ☞ What can you learn from verses 3–5 about sin's effects in true believers? Do you feel this way? How should believers respond?
- ☞ What are the contrasts in verses 10–11?

Items for Prayer

- Andy, Sharon, Jeff, Katie, and Trent Rupert- Calvary Baptist of Willard—Pray for Jeff, Katie, and Trent as they finish the school year.
- False teachers spreading error in the name of Christ, 1 Tim 4:1–3; 2 John 7
- Selfless, sacrificial love for all Christians, Acts 6:1
- Tendency to be "now" oriented rather than Christ and eternity, Matt 6:33; 2 Tim 4:1

Friday, April 30

➔ **Psalm 119:119** You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love Your testimonies.

Psalm 31—*Trusting God in difficult times.*

1–8 Praying for deliverance
9–13 Sorrowful effect of slander
14–18 Committed trust in God

- ☞ Jesus quoted verse 5 on the cross (Luke 23:46); Stephen similarly (Acts 7:59); Peter taught it (1 Pet 4:19).
- ☞ Often when people speak evil about you (called *slander*) you must trust the Lord through it instead of trying to clear your own name (v. 13).
- ☞ When life is hard cry out to the Lord (vv. 8–13) and never lose faith in Him (vv. 14–18).

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Pray for us as we continue to be locked down or have a lot of restrictions.
- Always increasing Christ-likeness of Christians, Col 1:9–11; Heb 5:12–14; 2 Pet 1:5–11
- Governing authorities, Acts 5:29; 1 Tim 2:1–6
- Christians' worship, 1 Cor 14:24–25

Tuesday, April 27

➔ **Psalm 119:116** Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Psalm 28—*A prayer for God's deliverance from wicked enemies.*

1–2 Call for God's attention
3–5 Deliverance from the wicked
6–9 Praising God for his protection

- ☞ Why will God judge the wicked (vv. 4–5)?
- ☞ What are some differences between the righteous and the wicked in this psalm?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Pray for the salvation and/or the spiritual growth of the ladies in our Bible study group.
- Boldness in the face of opposition and resistance, Acts 4:29; Eph 6:19
- Fear of and love for Christ, 2 Cor 5:11, 14
- Selflessness, Luke 9:23–26

Wednesday, April 28

➔ **Psalm 119:117** Hold me up, and I shall be safe, and I shall observe Your statutes continually.

Psalm 29—*Praising the King of creation.*

- 1–2 Call for praise
- 3–9 The glory and power of God's Word
- 10–11 Song of praise

- ☞ The “cedars of Lebanon” were the greatest of trees known to Israel. How do they compare to the Lord?
- ☞ What does all creation do?

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray that Manuel, a young man recently baptized, would stay strong in the Lord.
- We will always be “going,” Matt 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47–49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8
- Salvation of souls, 2 Thess 3:1
- Faithfulness, 1 Cor 1:18

Fundamental Christian Truth for Thursday-Friday:

31) Is everyone born innocent and righteous like Adam?

No. Adam's sin brought sin, guilt, and condemnation upon every human being connected with him. Ps 51:5; Rom 3:23; 5:12-19 (Key term: *original sin*)

- ➔ Many people—both Christians and non-Christians—believe that human beings are born innocent and righteous just like Adam was.
- ➔ The fact of the matter, however, is that every human being as a descendant of Adam enters the world with his sin, guilt, and condemnation charged to their account. David testified of this (Ps 51:5) and Paul taught it (Rom 3:23; 5:12-19).
- ➔ If any should say, “That's not fair!” then Romans 5:12-19 must be consistently applied: No one can have Christ's righteousness, pardon, and life charged to their account (justification). This is the parallel made in Romans 5:12-19—*Sinners* are *guilty* because of their connection with *Adam*, *believers* are *justified* because of their connection with *Christ*.

Thursday, April 29

➔ **Psalm 119:118** You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood.

Psalm 30—*Praising God for healing and restoration.*

- 1–5 Praising God
- 6–10 Remembering God's deliverance
- 11–12 Vowing to praise God

- ☞ Verse 5 is a great verse only believers can claim.
- ☞ What was David's attitude when things went well (v. 6)? Do you do this?
- ☞ Why does God do verse 11?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Pray for our health. Pray that God will give us strength as we minister.
- Open doors, Col 4:3
- Spirit-led, dependent, and empowered (tendency to follow our sin nature), Gal 5:16
- Always content in Christ, Phil 4:11-13