

STAY CONNECTED AT CCC...

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, TONIGHT

9th-12th graders, youth group will meet at the Wagoners' (990 Brookton Square Dr. Powder Springs, GA 30127) from 6:00 to 7:30. Join us as we fellowship together, study God's Word, and grow as disciples. Be sure to bring your Bible and see the [Signup Genius](#) to bring a snack. Please contact Matt if you have any questions (matt@christcommunitycobb.org).

YOUTH GROUP MOMS' NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 12

Karen Widner is hosting a **youth group moms' night** at her home **during high school youth group tonight** (1173 West Mill Dr. NW Kennesaw, GA 30152). This is a great opportunity for moms to fellowship with one another and pray together. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Contact Karen Widner with any questions (kdwidner@bellsouth.net).

SEPTEMBER LEADERS' MEETING

Please be praying for our leaders as they meet in September. The elders will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 pm.**

LADIES PRAYER GATHERING (VIA ZOOM) SEPTEMBER 16

Ladies, please join us for a time of prayer on **09/16 starting at 7:00 p.m.** We will gather together to praise God and lift up our leaders, the church, and each other in prayer. Look for the zoom link in the weekly update and an upcoming email. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Stuckert at: jcurl607@yahoo.com

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, SEPTEMBER 19

We will celebrate communion together on **Sunday, 09/19, in both services.** Please read the preparatory letter that will come out during the week prior so as to joyfully receive this means of grace as a reminder of your redemption in Christ.

WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN

Ladies, join us on **October 9 starting 9:30am at the Napper Farm** for a one-day retreat as we discuss opportunities to grow in unity and community. We will be using Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, as the outline for our time together. The **cost is free** and will include lunch and dinner with a bonfire to follow. Check your **email for the registration link** and if you have any questions, contact Carrie Boogaart (carrie.boogaart@gmail.com).

ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

You can give online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.christcommunitycobb.org and click on Secure Give in the box at the bottom of the page to get set up. It is a secure site. Remember to take time to pray for what you give as you use this convenient tool for giving.

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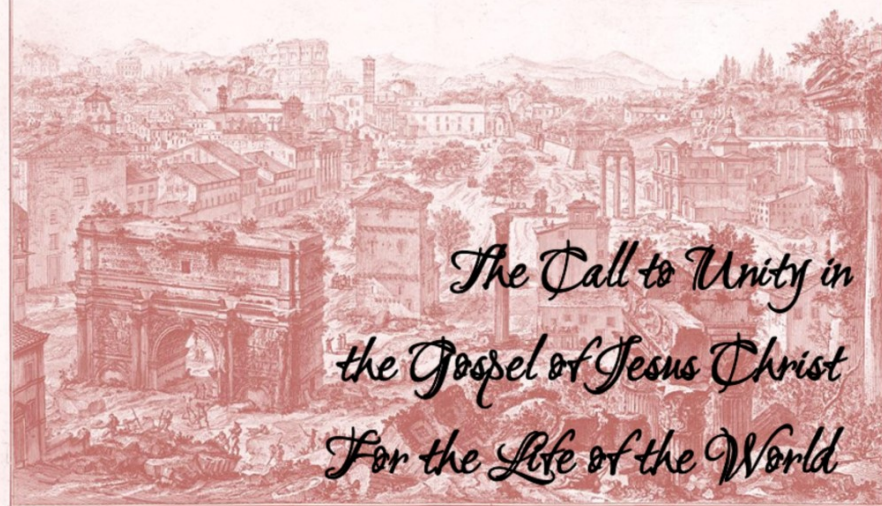
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CHRIST COMMUNITY
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Paul's Letter to the Romans



Giovanni Battista Piranesi's *Veduta di Campo Vaccino*, 1775

OUR VISION:

TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND

CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 146**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *I Am Set Free

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 4:23-25**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *He Will Hold Me Fast All Must Be Well

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - The Stocks, MTW India and Joel Smit, Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Justification through Faith Alone: A Blessing to All Who Believe Romans 4:9-12

Song of Response - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Romans 5:1-5**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

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“JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH ALONE: A BLESSING TO ALL WHO BELIEVE” ROMANS 4:9-12 MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: God gives us the means of grace to remind us that our justification is through faith alone.

Introduction:

Q: *What are you tempted to view as the reason for God's love for you? In other words, what makes you feel good about yourself as a Christian?*

“We [often] take refuge in the truth of justification—*mostly*, anyway—while our hearts find subtle ways of undermining what our minds confess on paper. We receive the truth of justification but gently strengthen it through our performance, generally without consciously realizing what we're doing. But to do this—to quietly confirm God's verdict of 'not guilty' over us through our own contribution—is to cause the entire doctrine of justification to fall to pieces and to become impotent in our daily lives. ... we lose entirely the comfort of justification if it is vulnerable to any self-strengthening. It must be all or nothing.”

Dane Ortlund, *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners*

Romans 4:9-12: A Blessing for All Who Believe

“The blessings of the gospel, and the method of justification which it proposes, are suited to all men (and women); and are not to be confined by sectarian limits, or bound down to ceremonial observances ... The sacraments and ceremonies of the Church, although in the highest degree useful when viewed in their proper light, become ruinous when perverted into grounds of confidence. What answers well as a sign, is a miserable substitute for the thing signified. Circumcision will not serve for righteousness, nor baptism for regeneration.”

Charles Hodge, *Romans*

Q: *How is your use of the means of grace affecting your view of your justification through faith alone? How is this affecting your love for God and neighbor?*

Application:

Romans 4:9-12 teaches us that:

God gives us the means of grace to remind us that our justification is through faith alone.

Benediction: *Romans 5:1-5*