# SERIES ON GALATIANS

# Gospel Security & Love

GALATIANS 2:11-16



# **ORDER OF WORSHIP | September 8, 2024**

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#### **SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION**

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

#### Worthy Of Your Name

#### CALL TO WORSHIP | Revelation 5:6-10, 7:9-10 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain ... And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth ..." After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

#### **PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Ephesians 2:8-14a (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace.

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

#### **PRAISE & CELEBRATION**

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Shelter Just As Good

#### KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

#### GREETING

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

#### PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Founding & Teaching Pastor

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

*The Apostles' Creed:* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

#### SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Lord I Need You

#### **BENEDICTION**

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

# **SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE**

**Proclamation of God's Word** 

Text: Galatians 2:11-16 (ESV) Title: Gospel Security & Love Teacher: Tim Rice

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" 15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

INTRO: What is the most amazing confrontation you've ever witnessed?

#### A BROKEN WAY TO TREAT PEOPLE

How can loving people more than God be destructive and divisive?

#### HOW ARE ANY OF US ACCEPTABLE?

How has the Lord graciously offered us mercy and redemption when we have been the ones in error and alienated?

#### **HUMBLE, SECURE & WISE**

So how does that guide and motivate us to love others through our disagreements rather than condemning or rejecting them?

#### YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the LORD with Whom there is no partiality, and that He judges justly and embodies pure integrity. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that in Him there is no variation or shadow due to change (James 1).
- 2. How have you placed more value in the approval offered to you from people than you value the approval Jesus offers you in the Gospel? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal you.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to secure our admittance into the Father's Kingdom and family! Thank Him for atoning for your guilt and healing your heart to be truly aligned with Him by grace.
- 4. Who do you know who idolizes the approval of people? Pray for them, asking the Lord to free them from their bondage and folly, so that they could be redeemed and restored to the Lord that they've forsaken.
- 5. Ask the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, kindness and goodness. Pray for His work to so secure you in Christ that you are free from fear and yet humble in your engagement with other believers.

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WOMEN'S

BIBLE

STUDY

# **Education Hour**

September 8 - October 13, 9:15a Contact <u>Brown Peterson</u> for details.

Women's Bible Study - Fall 2024

Tuesdays at 9:15a & Wednesdays at 7p Contact <u>JoAnn Johnson</u> for details.



# FRAT jr

September 11 - November 20, 6p Contact <u>Callie Sandman</u> for details.

# Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

September 9-14, 2024

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	Revelation 14 Job 5	Deuteronomy 28 Daniel 2
Tuesday	Revelation 15 Job 6	Deuteronomy 29 Daniel 3
Wednesday	Revelation 16 Job 7	Deuteronomy 30 Daniel 4
Thursday	Revelation 17 Job 8	Deuteronomy 31 Daniel 5
Friday	Revelation 18 Job 9	Deuteronomy 32 Daniel 6
Saturday	Psalm 89	Psalm 37 Psalm 131

# Scripture Memory for the Week:

# Galatians 2:16 (ESV)

16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

# **Office Hours:**

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a 301 N Florida Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801 863-603-7777 | <u>trinitylakeland.org</u>

# Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.