



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Easter Candy Only Needed** – We need bags of individually-wrapped candy for our Kids Ministry Egg Hunt on Easter morning. No EGGS Needed this year! You can buy candy on Amazon and have it shipped straight to the church -- or bring it by the Kids Min, Worship Center Lobby or the Office. Thank you all for always providing what is needed each year!
- **Baptism** – The Bible teaches that baptism is an act of obedience after making a commitment to Christ. Baptism allows a believer to declare to the world their heart-felt commitment to Christ. Join us Sunday, March 10th at 3 pm for this month's Baptism. More information is in the App. Please contact Rene Snyder with questions at rsnyder@southwinds.org.
- **Missions Assistance** – (March 9-16) – Southwinds will be hosting a Missions Team from Texas. Anyone interested in providing meals, gardening, construction experience to build garden boxes, painting, food preparation or just serving along-side the Missions Team, please contact Chris Martinez at cmartinez@southwinds.org or (760) 685-5152.
- **Childcare Workers** – Are you looking to partner with Southwinds as a child and/or student ministry worker? Prior to working in these Ministries applicants must first be approved. Please click [here](#) or visit the App to fill out an application and follow the instructions provided. Thank you for your willingness to serve! For questions please contact Talanna Williams at twilliams@southwinds.org.

MY STORY

What is this that makes us so not at ease with ourselves? That makes us feel naked in our own clothes? What is it?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Have a Volunteer Read: Romans 10:5-7; Deuteronomy 18:5, 30:11-14; Galatians 5:3
Point #1: Stop trying to EARN YOUR SALVATION.

“Almost any time I ask someone who doesn’t believe, “How do you think you can be right with God?” They will answer, “Probably by being a good person.” This is even a problem for many of us as Christ-followers. Because this impulse to earn our salvation is embedded in our fallen sinful nature, it’s possible for us to believe that we cannot earn God’s favor by our works, yet still live that way. This is what’s going on every time you find yourself thinking, “I’ve done something wrong. God’s probably mad at me. I’ve got to do some good things.” We can live as though our standing with God is based on works even while we teach other people we’re saved by grace alone. We must be aware of this tendency, because we’ll all wrestle with this to some degree or another. If we’re not, it will devastate your relationship with the Lord.” – **Michael Nolen**

How often do we try to incorporate good deeds to balance out when we do something wrong?

“Righteousness is not a quest. You don’t need to go up to heaven in your zeal for righteousness...Or reach down into the depths of your heart for willpower to obey. That is because Christ...the gift-righteousness of God... came down from heaven in his incarnation... for you. Jesus went into the abyss of death... for you. He conquered sin and death in his resurrection... for you. You are not saved by your zeal for him, but by his zeal for you. Jesus has already done it all! There’s nothing more to be done. And there’s nothing more that we, in our sinfulness, could ever do! John Calvin said, “The first step to obtaining the righteousness of God is to renounce our own righteousness.” John Calvin, p 221.
– **Michael Nolen**

How can this tendency of “being a good person” devastate your relationship with the Lord?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 10:8-10; James 2:19

Point #2: Simply receive the SALVATION FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.

“I know it’s hard to believe God is more forgiving to us than we are to ourselves. But it's true. In fact, the process of walking with Jesus in discipleship is the process of pressing that truth more deeply into our soul’s moment by moment. “I am righteous in Christ, I am loved. He is with me. He will never forsake me. I am his and he is mine and no one can take me out of his hand.” Are you saying I can just receive his love and live out of his love? That's what I’m saying. His righteousness becomes the atmosphere of love and safety we need to change and grow and draw nearer to him.” – **Michael Nolen**

“Being declared righteous doesn't mean we become perfectly righteous. But it gives us an atmosphere of safety in which we can uproot our unrighteousness, so we become more like him, and experience life as it was intended to be in him. So we no longer put hope in our resolve to be good, because that's based on us. We no longer put hope in religious duties because that's based on us. We no longer put hope in promises to do better next time, because that's based on us. We look to Jesus and we say, “I got nothing. Will you cover me? Will you empower me? I receive your grace and mercy and righteousness.” And that is what sets us free. And we can breathe.” – **Michael Nolen**

Have we ever had anyone disciple us and teach us to have a deeper understanding of how God sees us versus how we see ourselves?

Why is it important to lean on God’s view of us versus how we see ourselves?

Have Another Volunteer Read: Romans 10:11-13; Isaiah 28:16

Point #3: Rest in GOD’S PROMISE OF SALVATION.

“The shame he’s talking about refers explicitly to the regret and guilt and sadness that will be experienced by those judged on the last day. But everyone clothed in Jesus’ righteousness, they have a shame-free future in store. If you're in Christ, you can wake up every morning knowing, “I have a shame free future in store.” No matter how much guilt or frustration or shame you're experiencing here now. On that day, there will be no shame, no guilt, no frustration. It’s coming. It's just around the bend. Your future is shame-free, guaranteed, on the authority of God. He promises.” – **Michael Nolen**

How can the hope of a “shame free” future lead us to have a healthier walk with God?

This week focus on areas of your life where you place trust on things that do not require faith?

Example:

- sitting down in a chair
- eating

Why is it more important to place our trust in God who we don’t see?

APPLICATION

“Who’s Your One” Challenge. Make sure you are still praying for the person you can invite and bring to church.

PRAISES

PRAYER REQUESTS