

SERMON NOTES

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

HEBREWS 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.



WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Friday Night Service 7:00 PM

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In Everything Give Thanks

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”-- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Lord, teach us what the word “everything” means. It would be very easy for us, in our sinful and doubtful flesh, to insert the words “some things” into that verse. In some things, we do give thanks. In most things however, we don’t. Usually, we murmur over things, we complain over things, we question things, and we try our hardest to change things. We do this because our sinfully blind eyes do not see the hand of the Lord in it. We do this because, sinfully, we are not trusting that He is doing right in it. We do this because, sinfully, we are doubtful that good will come from it. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief! Teach us to have a single eye on You, and Your perfect purpose, and Your all knowing, all controlling, sovereign will. Teach us that everything is being done by You, through You, to You. Therefore, EVERYTHING is for Your glory and our good. If we could truly see that... in everything, we would give thanks! ~Gabe Stalnaker

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Lord willing, we will come to the Lord’s table immediately following this morning’s message.

“CHILDREN, COME TO THE TABLE”

I was so richly blessed of God to be born of parents who loved and feared the Lord, and to have three brothers and two sisters to grow up with. What a blessing! I remember well when mom would say, “Children, come to the table.” I had never thought of it till a few days ago, but I never felt so safe, so secure, and so cared for, as when we were all together at the table, and for some reason, especially the supper table.

In trying to mentally and emotionally recapture those days, I think perhaps it was because we were all together, one family, and the “big world” was temporarily shut out. We were one family, with basically the same interests. We worked together, played together, cared for one another, and looked out for one another. But most of all, I think it was because of that which we took for granted, the love and care of a faithful dad and mom! We were never anxious about shelter, food, clothing, medication, etc. Our loving, faithful, hard-working parents provided for all our needs.

God our Father, has provided a table for us, even in the presence of our enemies (Ps. 23) – the Gospel Ministry. Here, at this table, the saints meet together and feast upon the “children’s bread,” “Jesus Christ and him crucified.” Oh! how safe, how secure, and how cared for we should feel! Here, we are a family together in our Father’s house, and the “wicked world” is temporarily shut out. Here, we love, care for, and comfort one another. Here, is a family of love and peace, established by the Prince of Peace. When one of us was coming to mom’s table angry or quibbling about something, mom would always say, “Get rid of it....let it go....calm down now. You can’t digest your food when you are upset.” Here, at the Gospel Table, one must never come with bitter feelings against another, for one cannot partake of this gospel feast with such an attitude. Here, in this family, there is no room for pride or boasting, envy, strife or any such thing- because none of us are “natural born” children! We were all hellish and hell-bound enemies of God, and “by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:1-3). But God, in infinite, amazing love and almighty grace ADOPTED US! He snatched us out of the kingdom of darkness and death and translated us into the kingdom of light, the kingdom of His dear Son. We are all sort of like old Mephibosheth, “dead dogs” and “cripples” sitting and eating at the King’s table (II Sam. 9), but our King is “The King of kings and Lord of lords!”

Oh! how safe, how secure, how cared for we should always feel – and how thankful! Our Father has the resources of the whole universe at His disposal, and His word to us is, ‘don’t be over-anxious about anything’ (Matt. 6:25-34). What a faithful and loving heavenly Father we have! How inexpressibly wonderful to be able to call Him our Father and feast at the Gospel Table with His dear children, brothers and sisters in Christ! “BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (I John 3:1).

~Maurice Montgomery