

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, July 26th @ 9:30am
- VBC Texas vs A's Game with Fireworks - Saturday, July 27th @ 6pm
- Klamath Camping Connections Trip - July 31st - August 5th

- Women's First-Saturday Coffee - August 3rd @ 9am
- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, August 9th @ 9:30am
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25th @ 10am

- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5th @ 7pm

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "Cannons" - Phil Wickham
- "Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher
- "Relevation Song" - Jennie Lee Riddle
- "Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan
- "Jesus Paid It All" - John Thomas Grape, Elvina M. Hall, and Alex Nifong

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$964,152.00

Giving Last Week.....\$48,701.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$943,989.00

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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

A New System
Romans 7:1-6

REVIEW:

Q. How can we stand righteous before God?

A. Faith in Christ establishes our righteousness and removes any fear of wrath.

Rom. 3:24 *and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,^{25a} whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

Q. Does our right standing give us license to continue in sinfulness?

A. We are united to Christ in such a way that we share all the benefits of his death and resurrection. We are free to live a new quality of life!

Rom. 6:2 *By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*



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Q. How do we experience our new quality of life?

A. We develop assumptions connected to our union with Jesus. Then we obey!

Rom. 6:11 *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.*

The system of the law & sin VS. the system of grace & the Spirit

Q. How do we understand and relate to the law as Christians?

1. We no longer operate under the system of the law, but under the system of grace.

Rom. 6:14 *For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!*

2. The law is binding until death.

Rom. 7:1 *Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.*

3. Having died with Jesus, we are released to a new way of life under the Spirit.

Rom. 7:4 *Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.*

Q. How did the Holy Spirit work in us when we first trusted Jesus?

1. Our new life is a result of our new birth (being born again/regeneration).
[See John 3:3-8]
2. At that time the Spirit cleansed us internally and restored our relationship with God.
[See Titus 3:4-7]
3. Additionally, a mysterious “indwelling” began to take place.
[See John 14:16-20]
4. Our immersion into Jesus happened at this time due to the Spirit’s work.
[See 1 Cor. 12:12-13]