UPCOMING EVENTS

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- · Women's Ministry Movie Night Sunday, August 16th @ 8pm
 - Women's Day at Cityteam Friday, August 23rd @ 11am
- · Church at the Fairgrounds Sunday, August 25th @ 10am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise Thursday, September 5th @ 7pm
- · Women's Ministry Create Day 2019 Thursday, September 7th @ 9 am
 - · Forensic Faith Conference Saturday, October 19th @ 9am

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Because He Lives" - Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" - Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

"Rock of Ages" - Thomas Hastings, Augustus Montague Toplady

"O Praise the Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings

"Great Are You Lord" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need......\$34,434.00 Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,067,454.00 Giving Last Week......\$35,545.00 Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,028,831.00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019 MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Review & Use
Romans 6 & 7

Five pictures that help us understand Romans 6-7

1. The Court Room - The Faith Righteousness Principle

Rom 3:24 and [we] 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.

2. You're Green - Immersion into Jesus

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.

3. You're Grafted – Sharing all the benefits of Christ's death and life ${\bf r}$

Rom 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



4. The Explosion - Willing service to Jesus

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

5. Marriage - to Jesus & death to law

Rom 7:2 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.

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.

Even though we have been cleansed we still must live out our union with Jesus.

1. The Law is good but Sin exploited it.

Rom. 7:12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

2. Sin will continue to exploit the law, trying to diminish the experience of our union with lesus.

Rom. 7:21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

This Week:

Rom. 6:11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Memorize and internalize Romans 6:11, then:

- 1. Read through Romans 6-7 every day this week.
- 2. Thank God for what he has done for you and what he is committed to keep doing for you.
- 3. Think through the five pictures and identify a few that encourage and excite you.
- 4. Commit to memory some portion of chapters 6-7. Choose those that correspond to the five pictures.