

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Small Group Meet & Greet - Today
- VBC Basketball League - Now Taking Sign-Ups
- Antioch Courses Start (Registration Open) - Tuesday, September 17th
- New Brighton Camping Connections Trip - September 18th - 22nd
- CityTeam: Feeding & Chapel Service - Saturday, September 21st
 - Altamoms - Thursday, September 26th @ 7pm
 - Altamont Church Potluck - Sunday, September 29th
- Women's First Saturday Coffee - Saturday, October 5th
 - Fall Festival - Saturday, October 12th
- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17th - 20th
- Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9am

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Mighty Fortress" - Paul Baloche, Aaron Shust

"Oh Our Lord" - Paul Baloche, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard

"Sovereign Over Us" - Bryan Brown, Aaron Keyes, Jack Mooring

"Give Me Faith" - Brian Houston

"Cornerstone" - William Batchelder Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote, Jonas Myrin

To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,239,624.00

Giving Last Week.....\$46,635.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,169,875.00

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Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: CHARLIE MENG

MESSAGE NOTES

Romans 8:18-25

REVIEW:

1. Set your mind on the Spirit!

Rom. 8:5 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

2. Faith in Christ = Spirit indwelling

Rom. 8:9 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

3. Basic Core Identity - We are God's children.

Rom. 8:15 *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

4. Suffering with/for Christ is worth it!

Rom. 8:16 *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

The entire earth anxiously awaits this glory to be unveiled (vs 18)!!

Rom. 8:19 *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*



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God's view of the earth and humanity: A brief history

1. The past explains our current condition [20].

Rom. 8:20 *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope*

- a. What was the earth like before "emptiness"?
See Gen. 1:26-30
- b. What happened to the earth & its inhabitants?
See Gen. 3:17-19
- c. Why is humanity responsible?

Rom. 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

- d. How do our lives reveal this emptiness?

2. The future provides hope for the present [21].

Rom. 8:21 *[in hope] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

3. The present focuses on the future [22].

Rom. 8:22 *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

So, as God's children, we also fixate on future "unveiling".

1. The presence of the Spirit makes our future so enticing.

Rom. 8:23 *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

2. To know Jesus is to exist in hope.

Rom. 8:24 *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?*

1Pet. 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

3. This hope changes us; producing endurance and character.

Rom. 8:25 *But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

1John 3:1 *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*