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At A Price - Freedom

Each July we are reminded how our forefathers took a giant step of faith in July 1776 and declared the 13 colonies independent from British rule and then fought for this right over the next 5 years. It was not until October 19, 1781 that the British surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia. General George Washington is credited with saying that a man would have to be "bad indeed" to look upon this event and not recognize the Sovereignty of God in America's triumph.

Many lives have been freely given for the freedom's we experience today, yet, we are not free within ourselves, from our sinful nature. This nature causes havoc when it encourages us to think that we, as individuals, are free to conduct our lives in the manner in which we see fit. Man was created in the very beginning for the purpose of having a relationship with the Creator, God our Father, and to follow His ways. Man has tarnished that relationship by following his own ways. Even after man turned away, God did not and has never abandoned us. He continues to love us, His creation, and desires the relationship restored. His way - freely giving His son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and to offer us the opportunity to experience a relationship with Him now and in the life to come. By the grace of God we are freed from the bondage of sin and as Paul writes, "As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain" (2 Cor. 6:1 NIV). Our response is to love others as God has loved us for "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13 KJV). We have hope in our life now and for the future when our trust is in God. No matter the circumstances our focus should continually be on our Father, praising Him for His great love for us!

THE PRAYER SPOT

Attending the festivities on the Park Strip on the 4th? Stop by the "Prayer Spot" and leave a prayer on the prayer board. Goodies for children.



July 1st and July 29th**

Potluck meal at 5:00pm

Service at 6:00pm with Communion

**** Pastor Beverly Short will be with us**

You are welcome to join us for these meals!

WORSHIP READINGS FOR

JULY

1-July-18

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30
2 Corinth. 8:1-9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43**

8-July-18

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123
2 Corinth. 12:1-10 Mark 6:1-13**

15-July-18

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:1-13
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29**

22-July-18

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-44**

29-July-18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 136:1-9
Ephesians 3:14-21 Mark 6:45-56**

EPHESIANS

During the next couple months, starting with July 15th and ending on September 2nd, the Second Lesson for each Sunday will come from the Book of Ephesians, one of Paul's letters written while he was imprisoned in Rome. Ephesus was the capital of a Roman province in an area which today is called Turkey and was strategically placed where major trade routes intersected. The city of Ephesus was included in Paul's missionary journeys.

Ephesians consists of 6 chapters which can be divided into 2 sections: Chapters 1-3 explain what God has done for our redemption and Chapters 4-6 give instructions how to respond and to live as God's children. As Harry Wendt explains in the "Crossways" series, 'This sequence is important, for it declares that the Christian life is a response to what God has already done for the salvation of humanity.'

The first chapter alone is filled with astounding truths about God's plan: 'blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ,' 'he chose us in him before the creation of the world', 'he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ', and it continues on and on with God showering His love upon His people.

Beginning with chapter 4 the church is encouraged to be in unity with one another and to live as children of light, in other words, be imitators of God living a life of love. Before Paul's final greeting in chapter 6, he encourages the people to be "strong in the Lord" and then proceeds to explain the "armor of God" that will aid them in standing against the evil in the world.

An inspiring letter filled with encouragement and great truths!

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 3:17b-19 "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 4:4-6 "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."



WORSHIP READINGS FOR AUGUST

5-August-18

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 145:10-21
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:22-35

12-August-18

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-8 Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2 John 6:35-51

19-August-18

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ps 34:12-22
Ephesians 5:6-21 John 6:51-69

26-August-18

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 29:11-19 Psalm 14
Ephesians 5:22-33 Mark 7:1-13

Word of Life Core Values

- *Jesus is Lord.*
- *Jesus is our guide.*
- *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
- *Prayer changes things.*
- *Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.*



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