

MEMORY VERSE
for January 17, 2009
Romans 8:1-14

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **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. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **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. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. **12** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

The Lord's Day
January 10, 2010
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.



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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

†Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thank you for the signs of your grace at work in our lives, and in the lives of our brothers and sisters. We praise you that our faith in you is growing and our love for one another increasing. Help us to continue in faith and love; strengthen us for perseverance in all trials. Give us confidence that when your beloved Son returns, our faith will be vindicated. O God, may we be counted worthy of the calling we have received, and may all your purposes for us and through us be fulfilled by your power. In the name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.

—Adapted from 2 Thessalonians 1

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**Congregation standing *Congregation invited to kneel*

***Hymn of Praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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†Confession of Sin

Romans 3:9-20

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

***Hymn of Faith in Christ**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

—Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Tithes and Offerings

Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.



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Welcome

***Call to Worship** Luke 9:35
And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

***Hymns of Praise**
"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" #168

Mission Report Rev. Brent Kooi

Congregational Prayer

- Unreached People Group: Southern Shilha (Morocco; 2.5 million; Islam; .04% Christian)
- Missions: Brent Kooi, MTW Japan
- Persecuted Church: Open Doors 2010 World Watch List
- RPC: God's Word to bear fruit in us
- Health/Family: Don Davis; Penny Heins; Jose & Rebekah Balam Chuc
- Covenant Children/Youth: Patrick Flanagan, Samuel Flanagan, Ethan Flanagan, Liam Flanagan, Abi Foster, Bella Foster, Brielle Goodnough, Elaina Goodnough, Titus Goodnough

Scripture Reading Psalms 42 and 43

Sermon "Why Are You Downcast, O My Soul?"

*Closing Hymn

Psalm 42

As the hart, about to falter, In its trembling agony,
Longs for flowing streams of water, So, O God, I long for Thee.
Yes, athirst for Thee I cry; God of life, O when shall I
Come again to stand before Thee In Thy temple, and adore
Thee?

Bitter tears of lamentation, Are my food by night and day.
In my deep humiliation, "Where is now your God?" they say.
Oh, my soul's poured out in me, When I bring to memory
How the throngs I would assemble, Shouting praises in Thy
temple.

O my soul, why are you grieving, Why disquieted in me?
Hope in God, your faith retrieving: He will still your refuge be.
I again shall laud His grace, For the comfort of His face:
He will show His help and favor, For He is my God and Savior.

From the land beyond the Jordan, With my soul cast down in
me,
From Mount Mizar and Mount Hermon, I will yet remember
Thee.

As the waters plunge and leap, Deep re-echoes unto deep;
All Thy waves and billows roaring O'er my troubled soul are
pouring.

But the LORD will send salvation, And by day His love provide.
He shall be my exultation, And my song at eventide.
On His praise e'en in the night I will ponder with delight,
And in prayer, transcending distance, Seek the God of my
existence.

I will say to God, my fortress, "Why hast Thou forgotten me?
Why must I proceed in sadness, Hounded by the enemy?"
Their rebukes and scoffing words Pierce my bones like pointed
swords,
As they say with proud defiance, "Where is God, your firm
reliance?"

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—Genevan Psalter (1551) / Tune: Thirsting (Louis Bourgeois), alt.

Benediction

Postlude