

Words of Grace



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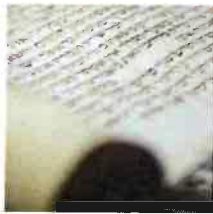
July 28th - Aug. 1st 8:45am - 11:45am

Lots of fun jobs yet to be filled

Help share the Love of Jesus

Have a great time while serving

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To Learn More!



The Talmud, the body of writings of Jewish and ceremonial law, describes seven types of Pharisees: The Shoulder Pharisee, who wore his good deeds on his shoulder for all to see; the Wait-a-little Pharisee, who always intended to good deeds but always found reason to do them later; the Bruised Pharisee, who was so holy as to not look at any woman, walking with his head down and bumping into objects; the Hump-backed Pharisee, who was so humble that he walked bent over, barely lifting his head; the Always-counting Pharisee, who was adding up his good deeds so as to put God in debt; the Fearful Pharisee, who lived terrified of God as he waited at any moment to be struck down for his sins; and lastly, the God-fearing Pharisee, who genuinely loved God and did good deeds to please him. Each of these men would have felt their behavior was justified - reflecting, through their works, a righteousness dependent upon themselves.

Jesus didn't decide which one was better than the other, although it is likely he encountered all of them. He simply went beyond the show of external behaviors to challenge us, and his listeners and disciples, to a righteousness that exceeded the righteousness of the pharisees before we would enter the kingdom of God. Matthew 5 and 6 record a lifestyle that was impossible to uphold unless we have God living inside of us. "Whoever is angry... be reconciled to your brother... then offer the gift... looking at a woman with lustful intent is tantamount to adultery... put aside divorce due to the hardness of your hearts... turn the other cheek... love your enemies." This call to God's righteousness speaks clearly to us in today's world, where the lines between good and evil are blurring, and people are more concerned with 'appearing virtuous', rather than truly **living a life that reflects God's love and righteousness**.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5 that if we are hungry and thirsty for righteousness then we are blessed and we will be satisfied (vs 6), but thereafter points out, (vs 10) that we are also blessed if people pursue us and hunt us down ('persecute' is the word used) with the intention of destroying us - because that same hunger for righteousness offends them in their amoral or immoral lives.

So, what is the righteousness that we long for? It is the natural flow of the nature and life of God in us, visible in the "right" actions towards people.

But HOW?

Through the **Holy Spirit!**

The Holy Spirit is the power of God to work miracles in the physical world, like healing and resurrection, but is also the power of God that works in our spirit, our hidden personal world, as He turns our hearts towards God, draws us toward Jesus, and convicts us of our sin. The Holy Spirit is the one who has "confirmed our adoption as sons", intercedes for us according to the will of God, sets us free from the "law of sin and death" and makes us to be more than conquerors through Jesus who loved us.

Let us trust God, therefore, through the Holy Spirit, to complete the work He started in us until the day that Jesus returns... and we will be fully righteous!

Brad

MASA BIG GATHERING

POTLUCK DINNER
SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

Complete details at the Info Board!

Everyone is invited to our
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Doors open at 5:00. The gathering
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SUN. AUG. 3, 2025

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***"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me.
For You are the God of my salvation, on you I wait all day."*** Psalm 25:4-5



As I read this verse, I thought, "What a great verse to start this new day!". To me, this is a prayer of total devotion to the God who rules my life.

Living one's life with God's leading makes this earthly life bearable. Knowing God's truths helps one to understand the love of God and the sacrifice He was willing to make that we might become His own. And claiming, "For you are the God of my salvation" is the greatest blessing any earthly creature can proclaim. Our salvation depends on God's love and His willingness to save us from our sins through the crucifixion of His Son, Jesus, on Calvary's cross.

Making today, and every day I have left on this earth be governed by the above verse insures me that "there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". (Romans 8:1)

Let me close with this prayer ...

Walk with me Father until my journey is through, then by Your grace, bring me home to You!

Lord, help us to live each and every day with the goal of living out the above verse. Help us be patient in our afflictions, for "on You we will wait all day" (and every day). Amen

"Peace is not a feeling ... it's a way of life ..."

When you read the above quote, what is your reaction? Do you find yourself questioning how one can experience peace when our world is falling apart right before our eyes? The mistake that we all make is looking at peace as a "good feeling" emotion that comes and goes, depending on what is taking place in our lives. But that is not what the *peace of God* is all about.

The peace of God comes to an individual when you surrender your life to the Father God who created you. It's when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and allow God's Holy Spirit to have free reign in all of your life's circumstances. Then peace truly becomes a way of life rather than an emotion. The Bible is full of verses that can bring peace in the middle of struggles, worries, and fear. If we ask God, He promises His peace, a peace that will become a way of life. As we step back from the pressures of life, we come into the presence of God, and He speaks confidence over our every circumstance.

Let me share a couple of my favorite "way of life" Bible verses.

- *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."* Colossians 3:15
- *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:7

And one more favorite ...

"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (NLT)

Let's pray...

Lord, I come ready to pour out my worries, my anxieties, and my fears at Your feet. Help me to experience Your peace in all situations. Amen

Your Anchor will hold... in spite of the storms! jw



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In Person Prayer Opportunities

Sunday mornings at 8:45am
Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm
Wednesday AM Men's prayer at 6:00am
3rd Saturday of the month Women's Prayer at 9:30am

All meet at
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Attendance & Offering

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

05.04.25	\$13,540	185
05.11.25	\$4,920	159
05.18.25	\$6,128	194
05.25.25	\$6,051	110

Averages: \$7,660 130

Weekly average needed to meet
Budget: \$8,928

YTD Giving: \$426,905
YTD Expenses: \$408,127

Y-T-D amounts reflect
May Month-end Totals

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Want to Join in the Fun?

Kids who have
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Register online beginning June 26th.

