

SERMON RECAP: "GRACE THAT DRAWS ME TO GOD" – PSALM 32

In the 32nd Psalm we see an encouraging picture of how God's grace draws us to Himself enabling us to confess our sins, thus being restored to Him. It is amazing that God does not leave us to wallow in guilt and despair, but it is the fruit of His grace that expresses who our God is.

For reflection:

1. The Darkness and Despair of Sin
 - a. Separated from God (v 1-4)
 - b. Sin destroys relationships
 - c. Maintaining the disguise
2. Joy in Confession
 - a. God desires to forgive and restore (v 5-7)
 - b. My hiding place (v 7)
 - c. God cleans up our hearts (Psalm 51:1-6, 14-17)
3. Joy in Forgiveness
 - a. Why God forgives us
 - b. The new me (v 8-11)
 - c. Restored in the Communion Table (Psalm 51:7-12)

THIS WEEK

SPRING IS COMING, SO IS MULCH DAY:

We promise, spring weather will be here soon! That means it's time to help our Property Management ministry team with getting the grounds cleaned up from the winter. Come over to the building on Saturday, April 13th. We'll start first thing in the morning (some will be here by 7:30!). Even if you can only stay a little while, many hands make for a quick cleanup!

HELP FOR OAK BOTTOM EASTER EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY:

Our afterschool ministry continues to show God's grace and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to children and adults in the Oak Bottom community. This Saturday, the community will hold an Easter Egg hunt – we will help with the hunt and tell kids about Jesus. But they're expecting a LOT of kids, and we need some additional help to make sure we keep the kids safe. All you need to do is show up for an hour or two on Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 AM!

OTHER NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

EASTER LILIES:

If you would like to have one of the Easter lilies placed in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form in the bulletin and drop it in the box at the Welcome Center or the church office. Lilies are \$8.00 each and may be taken home after Easter worship on the 21st.

PA FAMILY INSTITUTE – PRESENTATION ON CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Why is Christian Marriage important? How does it address breakdown and confusion in our culture? To answer these questions, we need to stay rooted in a full understand of God's definition and purpose for marriage. The PA Family Institute is sponsoring a presentation on "Christian Marriage: What Is It and Why Is It Important" by Dr. David Ayers from Grove City College. It will take place on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. There is no charge to attend, but RSVP's are requested – go to pafamily.org/marriage to register or call 717.545.0600.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES:

We have some special services planned to gather in worship during Easter week:

Sunday, April 14 – the focus during worship will be Palm Sunday, and Jesus' coming to Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 18 – 6:30 PM – we will come to the Lord's Supper on the night that Jesus gave this sacrament.

Sunday, April 21 – 7:30-8:00 AM – an outdoor service to celebrate the dawning of the resurrection!

We'll also have a light breakfast from 8-9, and then Sunday School, Fellowship, and Worship on the 21st.

Think and pray about reaching out to a friend and telling him or her about the reality of the resurrection, and that in it we find forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and life now and for eternity in Jesus Christ alone!

REMINDER ABOUT CHURCH ACTIVITIES ON APRIL 17TH:

Today (April 10th) we will have our Wednesday night activities as usual, but we will not have them on April 17th.

SOLID ROCK "FARM TO TABLE" DINNER:

On Friday, May 17 Solid Rock Youth Ministries will host a meal made from locally sourced produce and meats, live musical entertainment, and outdoor activities. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per couple. If you are interested call or e-mail Kris Kauffman (717.278.6682) or leek@epix.net.

CAMPING WEEKEND IN AUGUST:

Every August a group of families (mostly from Faith) drive up to Bethel, PA to spend a weekend of camping and fellowship at Camp Swatara. We reserve 10 campsites. In recent years the campsites have filled up quickly, but we still have some open campsites this year. The cost is \$92 for Friday and Saturday night. Some choose to go up Thursday night as well. The dates this year are August 16 to 18. The campground and area offer too many activities to list here. Check out their website www.campswatara.com, or contact Jen Denning (JDenning@ddenning.com) if you're interested!