

Making Disciples Aflame for Christ

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"You are our God, and we will give thanks to You..." (Psalm 118:28)



Greetings from West Virginia! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is beautiful here in West Virginia with all the fall colors. The leaves were especially beautiful this year. Autumn is a favorite time of year - especially with November's concentration on **THANKSGIVING!** As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we have MUCH to be thankful!



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#1 IS GOD'S GIFT OF SAVING FAITH when He mercifully reveals to our hearts the

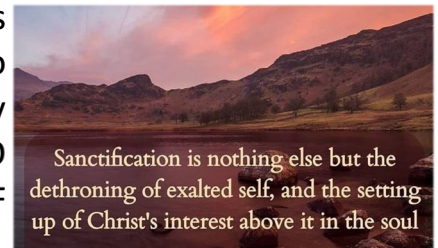
Gospel of Jesus Christ – that the sinless Son of God died on the cross for OUR sins on OUR behalf to pay the penalty of eternal death for

OUR sin! THEN God in His great grace gives us saving faith in Christ, forgives us, places us in the righteousness of Christ and brings us into a right relationship with Himself now and forever.

GOD SAVES!

For
*by grace are ye saved
through faith;
and that not of yourselves:
it is the gift of God:
Not of works,
lest any man should boast.*
Ephesians 2:8-9

#2 IS GOD'S GIFT OF SANCTIFICATION. Once God saves, He begins His ongoing work of sanctification to bring us into living union with the Lord Jesus. He transforms our lives to love and do what He loves and hate what He hates (sin). The outcome of sanctification is not to imitate Jesus or to draw from Jesus the power to live holy. Rather, it is our being indwelt and controlled by Christ! IT IS THE WORK OF TRIUNE GOD TO STRIP US DOWN TO THE PLACE OF NO SELF-INTEREST OR SELF-RELIANCE SO THAT THE LIFE OF CHRIST DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER CAN BE LIVED OUT BY THE SPIRIT IN AND THROUGH OUR LIVES.



Sanctification is nothing else but the dethroning of exalted self, and the setting up of Christ's interest above it in the soul

#3 WE THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HOLY SCRIPTURE! In John 17:17, Jesus prayed on behalf of believers, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth". The totality of Scripture is from the mouth of God. It is, therefore, without error, totally trustworthy and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the believer in Christ may be adequate, equipped for every good work!



THIS HAS BEEN THE MISSION OF THIS MINISTRY FOR 21 YEARS!
DISCIPLE MEN AND WOMEN TO JESUS THROUGH THE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE
SO THAT CHRIST BE FORMED IN THEM!



THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON, OPEN YOUR BIBLE. LEARN OF GOD.
GIVE THANKS FOR HIM AND TO HIM! READ PSALM 103!

We know many people that are suffering through great trials right now. In our own lives, 2023 has held some very intense trials! BUT **WE GIVE THANKS!** Scripture instructs us to "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Trials can draw us closer to the Lord. When we draw near to Him, we better comprehend His great love. God may not remove our trials, but we know He goes with us through the trials. Because we love the Lord, we are thankful that trials provide Him the opportunity to cleanse and humble our hearts, and mature our faith. Trials reveal to us our weaknesses, and we rejoice that when we are weak, then the power of Christ in us is strong (2 Corinthians 11:9-10).



UPDATE ON RAY: It has been 7 weeks since surgery. The recovery has been difficult, but God has been faithful to sustain, strengthen and sanctify! Physical therapy starts next week! He has been able to start teaching the Men's Bible Study! **We are so thankful for the prayers, encouragement and support of God's people!** Our Board of Director, Gary McCutcheon was here to visit this week!

BELOVED! WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO GOD FOR THE GIFT OF YOU!!!

Ray, Tressa and Gwen

Happy Thanksgiving!

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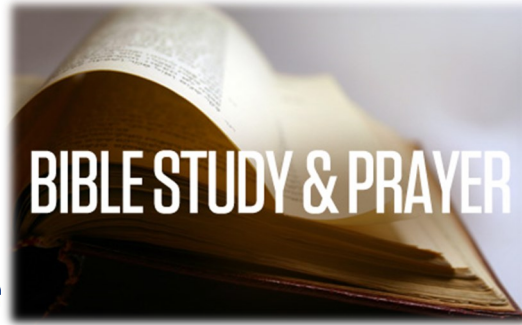
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**NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
IN ANY OF THE WEEKLY STUDIES, PLEASE CONTACT US!**

WEEKLY GROUP STUDIES/MEETINGS INCLUDE:

- ⇒ **7:00 PM MONDAY NIGHT YOUNG LADIES BIBLE STUDY A STUDY OF THE PARABLES OF JESUS** taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** currently in **2 CORINTHIANS** taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **7:00 PM TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING** led by Ray ONLINE via Zoom
- ⇒ **10:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY on HOW TO DEVELOP A QUIET TIME — A FORTY-DAY JOURNEY** -- Grow in the adventure that time with God is meant to be! This study meets in person in Bridgeport.
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY** currently in **2 CORINTHIANS** taught ONLINE by Tressa via Zoom
- ⇒ **7:00 PM THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY NEW STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH BEGINS NOVEMBER 9TH** taught ONLINE by Ray via Zoom
- ⇒ **9:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING LADIES STUDY on HOW TO DEVELOP A QUIET TIME — A FORTY-DAY JOURNEY** -- Grow in the adventure that time with God is meant to be! Taught ONLINE by Gwen via Zoom

SUGGESTED BOOKS TO READ:

Saved without a Doubt (Being Sure of Your Salvation) by John MacArthur

Suffering is Never for Nothing by Elisabeth Elliot

Has the Tribulation Begun? (Avoiding confusion and redeeming the time in these last days)
by Amir Tsarfati