PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

December 10, 2023

Welcome!

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Soh.

"I will render praises to You, For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"

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Prayer List

Remember all those affected by last night's storms

Steve Webb's cancer has spread

Jack Martin is in the hospital with pneumonia

Patricia Stroud is home, but still dealing with effects of pneumonia

Belinda Mayo is home after another hospital stay

Kristine Garrett is recuperating at home after her hospital stay

Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.

Continue to pray for: Hunter Crouch, Michael & Regan Loosli, the Walker family, the Mayo family, Doug Demonbreun, the Coleman family, Rebecca Brown, the Tabor family, the Buchanan family, Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, and Weston Johnson and Bill Gillock

We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 for a lesson from Romans
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Serving Today

Song Leader:

Jeff Baker

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:

Lowell Gregory

Prayer:

Eddie Walker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:

Charlie Baker Ephesians 4:17-32

Wait On Table:

Johnny Walker

Serve:

Jearmie Gupton Josh Demonbreun

Prayer:

Jared Roaden

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am Sunday AM Worship 10:30 am Sunday PM Worship 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Compare this section to Col 3:1-17

I. A Culture (17-19)

"Christians constitute a third race on the earth, no longer Jews, no longer Gentiles." -F.F. Bruce

II. A Christ (20-32)

Assuming: $\varepsilon i \ \gamma \varepsilon$ (ei ge)

- -Also translated "if indeed" or "surely")
- -Implies a confidence in the Gentiles' salvation, not a doubting of it.
- -Compare Eph 3:2.

Old Self vs. New Self

-We MUST put away the things from our "old self" for the body to function properly (Let):

(25) Falsehood vs. Truth

-Zec 8:16

(26-27) Anger/Sin vs. Self Control

-tTam 1:19-20

(28) Stealing vs. Generosity

-Acts 20:34-35

(29) Corrupt Talk vs. Edification

-James 1:26; 3:1-12

(31-5:2) Malice vs. Love

-Col 3:8 -1Co 13

God's Mystery Revealed - Ephesians 4:17-32 Pleasant View Church of Christ – December 10, 2023

Paul resumes his exhortations that began in verses 1-3. He started by saying, "walk in a manner..." (v.1) - Now he says, "no longer walk..." (v.17)- Most translations begin v. 17 with "So" (oun)

 17 **Now** this I say and testify *in the Lord*, that you must $n\bar{o}$ longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. Rom 1:21-32 / Jam 1:19-21 / Gal 5:19-22

They are *darkened* in their understanding, *alienated* from the life of God because of the *ignorance* that is in them, due to their *hardness* of heart.

¹⁹They have *become callous* and have *given themselves up* to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

²⁰But that is not the way **you** learned Christ!—

²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <-Rom 12:1-2 in Christ, he is a new

²⁴and to *put on the new self*, created after the likeness of God in true *righteousness* and *holiness*.

²⁵Therefore, having *put away falsehood*, let each one of you *speak the truth* with his neighbor, for we are members <-Rom 12:3-8; 1Co 12:12-31 one of another.

²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <-Ps. 4:4 / Deu 24:13-15

²⁷and *give no opportunity* to the devil.

²⁸Let the thief *no longer steal*, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

²⁹Let no *corrupting talk* come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰**And** do not *grieve the Holy Spirit of God*, by whom you * were *sealed* for the day of redemption.

³ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

The believer's new life in Christ involves a change in direction and conduct (i.e. repentance)

-Acts 2:38

-Rom 6:1-14

Eph 2:1,12 - Their Former State:

(v.1) Dead in Sin

(v.12) Separated from God

Old Self / New Self

-Rom 6:4-6 "newness of life..." / "our old self was crucified..."

-2Co 5:17 "if anyone is creation..."

-Gal 3:26-27 "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ"

-Col 3:9-10 "you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self..."

> Result of "Corrupting Talk"

Sealed > Eph 1:13

All of these things must flow from ungrudging love