

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

February 21, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 2:4-10 "The Privilege of the Saved: Made Alive" (opposite page)

Doxology

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Hymn 56

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 5, 11 "I Sing Praises" "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Message

Hymn 730

"To God Be the Glory"

"Fruit of the Spirit" I Samuel 24 Pastor Cal VanderMey

"Stand Up for Jesus"

Psalm 38

Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Ernie Beck

Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm

Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am - Jim O'Rourke

Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - The book of "Jonah"- Margaret Was

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Men's breakfast Saturday February 27th at 10am

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

We see the privilege of the saved in that they are made alive in Christ. God's nature is the basis and in verse 4 we see His rich mercy; His great love, and His saving grace. Those three elements of God's character propel Him to seeking our salvation.

The process of our salvation is found in three phrases in verses 5 and 6. First we are made alive in Christ—quicken by the power of God. Second we are resurrected—raised up—with Christ. Not only was Christ raised, but we too shall be raised. Lastly, we are ascended and seated with Christ—this is a spiritual element right now but will one day also be a physical reality.

Lastly, the purpose of salvation is found in verses 7-10. It is God's desire that we might be monuments of His eternal grace. Tim Tebow of major league football fame shared some thoughts about his father, who is 40 years older than he. The father is a missionary to the Philippines, and Tim grew up in that country. The father's love for the downtrodden caused him to start an orphanage there. Tim recalled three priorities of his father: Jesus, his family, and his ministry. When Tim became famous here in the United States the father would endeavor to come for the big football games, and then immediately return to his ministry in the Philippines—sometimes staying only one day in the USA. Truly, that father is a workmanship of Christ Jesus. Another example of the workmanship of Christ Jesus would be found in the life of Alan Townley Forbes who departed for home February 18, 2016. His faithfulness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ impacted me personally from Youthtime-Buffalo Christian Center as a child, to the day he preached in our pulpit here at the Bible Fellowship Center. Truly, a workmanship of Christ Jesus.