

tomorrow, that many would come and would come to faith in Jesus.

Readings from Matthew chapter 10—January 24th-30th, 2021

27 “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

Sunday: **Is Christianity a secret religion, or a public one?** **Pray** that Quinter (Kan.) RPC’s members would grow in grace and knowledge, that faithfulness in attending both services would increase, and that adherents would profess faith in Christ. **Pray** that Frankston RPC in Australia would be able to find a suitable and affordable place for worship. **Pray** for the Pattillo family, grieving their loss.

Monday: **Do Jesus’ words imply that Christians may be persecuted, even to the point of being killed?** **Read John 15:18-25.** **Pray** that the Lord will continue to give wisdom to Ottawa (Ont.) RPC’s office bearers who are developing a more intentional approach to the fulfilment of their responsibilities. **Pray** for the Hanna family as they settle back into South Sudan; **pray** for the church in that new nation.

Tuesday: **What do Jesus’ words in v. 28 imply about hell?** **Please pray** with Tusca Area RPC (Beaver, Pa.) for Pastor Jonathan Watt and his family after the passing of his father, Trevor. **Pray** for our government leaders, that they would repent of their sins and submit to King Jesus.

Wednesday: **How does Jesus encourage His disciples in vv. 29-30?** **Please pray** for Sumito Sakai, the pastor of Higashisuma RPC (Kobe, Japan), who is also the moderator of the session and the presbytery and has responsibilities with several seminaries; **pray** as well for the congregation’s ruling elders and deacons, that their spirits would be strengthened by the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Thursday: **Do you look to Jesus when you are afraid?** **Reflect on Psalm 27:1-3.** **Pray** that the Home Mission Board might have provision from the Lord for funding church plants. **Pray** for the Lord’s blessing upon McKinnon RPC in Australia as it gets ready for its 75th anniversary, and for open house for their new building.

Friday: **How can you confess Jesus in front of men?** **Give thanks** for the students from Grove City College who are attending worship regularly at Rose Point RPC (New Castle, Pa.). **Pray** for protection for the global church from persecution.

Saturday: **Have you ever denied Jesus? In what way might a person deny Him?** **Please pray** for the single members at Westminster (Colo.) RPC; **pray** for contentment as they wait for God’s best, and for acceptance if His best is to remain single; **pray** that the congregation will wisely minister to these members; **pray** for the congregation as its pastor has recently resigned. **Pray** for the service at ARPC

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The Lord’s Day
January 24, 2021

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-3

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord”

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 3

*Psalm 145B

“Jehovah Very Gracious Is”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 40C

“O Lord My God”

Scripture Text

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Sermon

“Looking to God Always” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 149

“O Praise the Lord! O Sing Aloud a New Song”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”—John 17:17.

Q. 56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment? A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is that however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

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I Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Looking to God Always” (Part 1)
Paul, et al., exhort the Thessalonians to look to God in everything.

I. Rejoicing

A. Rejoice

1. In the OT, several basic words
 - a. *gool* (to spring about, rejoice, be joyful)
 - b. *azal* (to rejoice/exult)
 - c. *ranan* (to shout, sing, rejoice)
 - d. *soos* (to enjoy/rejoice)
 - e. *samach* (to shine, rejoice, joy, be glad)

2. In the NT

- a. *analliao* (to leap for joy, to exult)
- b. *euphraino* (to make glad, or well pleased)
- c. *chairo* (to rejoice, be glad)

3. What lessons can we learn?

- a. The Biblical concept is rich—multi-hued and multi-faceted
- b. The rejoicing spoken of here is **in the Lord**
- c. This joy should pervade our lives

B. Evermore

1. In all circumstances

- a. In times of prosperity
- b. Even in adversity
 - (1) Scripture tells us to rejoice in troublous times: Mt. 5:12; Acts 5:41; Rom. 12:12 (“rejoicing in hope, and patient in tribulation”);

I Pet. 4:13; Hab. 3

(2) Why is this the case?

- (a) It’s in light of the fact that adversity leads to godliness
- (b) . . . and, to glory: God’s glory; our own sanctification
- (c) It’s therefore in light of eternity

2. In the world to come