



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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JANUARY 1ST, 2023

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

2 Chronicles 10:1-11:23

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible.



TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #1 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
 3. Hymn #389 - "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"
 4. Hymn #250 - "Jesus Shall Reign"
 5. Hymn #238 - "Another Year Is Dawning"
 6. Reading: **Brother Mike S.**
 7. **Message:** "Hearts Set to Seek Christ"
 8. Hymn #387 - "Because He Lives"
 9. Benediction
 10. Fellowship Meal
 11. No Evening Service - Happy New Year!
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HEARTS SET to SEEK CHRIST

And those who had set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came after them from all the tribes of Israel to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD, the God of their fathers. 2 CHRONICLES 11:16, ESV

I. the BREAKDOWN of the CHAPTERS

A. Chapter Ten

1. proposition from the people, 10:1-5
2. proclamation from the king, 10:6-14
3. providential dealings from YHVH God, 10:15-19

B. Chapter Eleven

1. forbidden from war, 11:1-4
2. fortified cities for defense, 11:5-12
3. faithful lovers of God worship in Jerusalem, 11:13-17
4. family of Rehoboam listed, 11:18-23

II. the BLESSING from OUR TEXT

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

JOHN 15:5, ESV

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

ROMANS 8:28-29, ESV

A. the Submissive Faithfulness of God’s Redeemed

1. the royal command through David, 1 Chr 22:19
2. the responsibility of man to act faithfully, 2 Chr 11:6
3. the reliance upon Christ for strength, John 15:5

B. the Sovereign Providence of God in Our Circumstances

1. the indiscretions of poor counsel, 2 Chr 10:6-11
2. the insolence of Rehoboam, 2 Chr 10:15
3. the idolatry of Jeroboam & Israel, 1 Ki 12:25-33

C. the Salvation Message that Requires Response

1. stuff & nonsense in today’s self-centered, philosophical “Christianity”
2. sin’s reward, retribution, & recompense
3. setting your heart to seek Christ

QUOTE of the WEEK

THIS world saw our Lord Jesus for a very little time, but now it seeth him no more. It only saw him with the outward eye and after a carnal sort, so that when the clouds received him and concealed him from bodily vision, this spiritually blind world lost sight of him altogether. Here and there, however, among the crowds of the sightless there were a few chosen men who had received spiritual sight; Christ had been light to them, he had opened their blind eyes, and they had seen him as the world had not seen him. In a high and full sense they could say, "We have seen the Lord," for they had in some degree perceived his Godhead, discerned his mission, and learned his spiritual character. Since spiritual sight does not depend upon the bodily presence of its object, those persons who had seen Jesus spiritually, saw him after he had gone out of the world unto the Father. We who have the same sight still see him. Read carefully the words of the verse before us: "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me." It is a distinguishing mark of a true follower of Jesus that he sees his Lord and Master when he is not to be seen by the bodily eye; he sees him intelligently and spiritually; he knows his Lord, discerns his character, apprehends him by faith, gazes upon him with admiration, and looks to him for all he needs. Now, my brethren, remember that as our first sight of Christ brought us into spiritual life, for we looked unto him and were saved, so it is by the continuance of this spiritual sight of Christ that our spiritual life is consciously maintained. We lived by looking, we live still by looking. Faith is still the medium by which life comes to us from the life-giving Lord. It is not only upon the first day of the Christian's life that he must needs look to Jesus only, but every day of that life, even until the last, his motto must be, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." The world sees him no more, for it never saw him aright; but ye have seen him and lived, and now, through continuing still to see him, you remain in life. Let us ever remember the intimate connection between faith and spiritual life. Faith is the life-look. We must never think that we live by works, by feelings, or by ceremonies. "The just shall live by faith." We dare not preach to the ungodly sinner a way of obtaining life by the works of the law, neither dare we hold up to the most advanced believer a way of sustaining life by legal means. We should in such a case expect to hear the apostle's expostulate on, "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" [EMPHASIS IN ORIGINAL]

"Life in Christ" from the text, John 14:19
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This Week's Bible Portions from *Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"*

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Genesis 1	Matthew 1	1	Ezra 1	Acts 1
Genesis 2	Matthew 2	2	Ezra 2	Acts 2
Genesis 3	Matthew 3	3	Ezra 3	Acts 3
Genesis 4	Matthew 4	4	Ezra 4	Acts 4
Genesis 5	Matthew 5	5	Ezra 5	Acts 5
Genesis 6	Matthew 6	6	Ezra 6	Acts 6
Genesis 7	Matthew 7	7	Ezra 7	Acts 7
Genesis 8	Matthew 8	8	Ezra 8	Acts 8

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