

Devotional for Each Day of the Week—January 20-26, 2019

Sunday: “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”—John 8:28. **Give thanks** that in Jesus Christ you can be set free from your sin. **Pray** for the mission and ministry of Orlando (Fla.) RPC, that God would mightily bring blessing to all who are seeking Christ.

Monday: “‘Come now, let us reason together,’ says the Lord. ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.’”—Isaiah 1:18. **Pray** that God would pardon your sins. **Pray** that Mrs. Machiko Takayanagi, attending Higashisuma RPC (Kobe, Japan), would come to faith in Christ.

Tuesday: “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”—I Corinthians 10:31. **Pray** that you would glorify God in everything you do today. **Pray** that Jesus would raise up men to serve as local ruling elders at Belle Center (O.) RPC; **give thanks** for the faithful service of Scott Hunt, a provisional elder.

Wednesday: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”—James 1:5. **Pray** that God would give you wisdom. **Pray** that the Lord would use the gospel outreach of Sycamore RPC (Kokomo, Ind.) in their community to change the lives of both the church and the lost.

Thursday: “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”—James 1:6. **Pray** that God would make you strong in faith. **Give thanks** for those who faithfully attend Hetherton RPC (Johannesburg, Mich.). **Pray** for First RPC (Grand Rapids, Mich.), pastored by Craig Scott.

Friday: “The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.”—Proverbs 15:29. **Pray** that God would give you the spirit and the grace of prayer. **Pray** that God would sustain Laramie (Wyo.) RPC in its plans to start regular evening services in this new year.

Saturday: “I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.”—Psalm 142:1. **Pray** that God would prepare your heart and the hearts of others for Sunday School and worship tomorrow. **Give thanks** for the exciting youth group at Topeka (Kan.) RPC, led each Sabbath evening by Ben Kreis. **Pray** for Pageland (S.C.) Reformed Presbyterian Church and Pastor Ian Wise.

Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

The Lord's Day
January 20, 2019

Meeting every week at
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Worship at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM
Sunday School at 4:45 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Morning Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100B

“O Shout for Joy unto the Lord”

Scripture Reading

Song of Solomon 8:4-7

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 22C

“Be Not Far Off, For Grief is Near”

Scripture Text

John 13:1-11

The Sermon

“Christ’s Love To His Own”

*Prayer

*Psalm 103A

“Bless the Lord, My Soul: My Whole Heart”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C

“On Hilltops Sown a Little Grain”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! These services of worship are being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

We welcome to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Craig Scott, a native Scotsman who serves as pastor of First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also, a special welcome to Mr. Les Lanphere, who is filming our services today for use in a new movie, *Spirit and Truth*.

Scripture Memory

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”—Psalm 42:1.

“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”—Psalm 115:3.

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”—John 10:11.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—I John 1:9.

Evening Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:23-40

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 37C

“The Little That the Righteous Has”

Scripture Text

Proverbs 10

The Sermon

“Heritages, Blessed and Rotten”

*Prayer

*Psalm 37D

“The Very Steps of Man Have Been Established”

*Benediction

*Psalm 68E

“O All Ye Kingdoms of the Earth”

** Congregation will please stand.*

Catechism Questions & Answers

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

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According to the Reformed Presbyterian Testimony, “The presentation of tithes and gifts is warranted as part of worship.” A tithe box is available at the back.

## Introduction

The love of Christ is a love that is exclusively for His people, those who repent from their sin and turn to Him in faith

### 1. The Context of Christ's Love

- A. The time of Passover to remember redemption
- B. The time was the hour of suffering  
**John 12:23-24, 27; 7:30; 8:20**
- C. The time was near to return unto His Father  
**Job 13:15; Psalm 16; Hebrews 12:2**

### 2. The Object of Christ's Love

- A. Christ loves His own people chosen people  
**John 1:11; 17:2, 6**
- B. Christ loves His own to the uttermost  
**Matthew 20:28; Galatians 3:13;  
Song of Solomon 8:6-7; Romans 8:35-39**

### 3. The Application of Christ's Love

- A. The love of Christ is our only hope for salvation
- B. Love to Christ is a sign of salvation  
**I Corinthians 16:22**
- C. Love for Christ is the root of holiness and obedience  
**John 14:15**
- D. The love for Christ will produce love for one another  
**John 13:34**

Proverbs 10:7 “Heritages, Blessed and Rotten”

Theme: Solomon contrasts the way that the righteous and the wicked will be remembered.

#### I. Blessed Memories

A. the dignity of the saints

B. the duty of the successors: “let his memory be blessed”

#### II. Rotten Remembrances

A. some people are notorious in their wickedness

- 1. they will die in infamy
- 2. notice how often righteous and wicked are contrasted

B. what will happen to them? (Ecclesiastes 8:10)

- 1. either they will not be preserved at all
- 2. or they will be buried in oblivion
- 3. or they will be detested

#### III. Examples

A. good names

- 1. from the Bible: Daniel—in the lion's den; Paul—faithful; Moses—strong; Abraham—strong in faith; Mary; Sarah; Hannah
- 2. from history: Calvin, Luther, Jonathan, Dabney, Susannah

B. bad names: Judas, Hitler, Stalin, Osama

#### Application

A. how do you want to be remembered?

- 1. fathers and mothers, how are you raising your children?
- 2. young person, what kind of character are you developing?

B. this verse has application to the life to come

C. don't be misled by this verse

- 1. it's not a matter of works
- 2. it's a matter of grace
- 3. we are Christians—we carry Christ's name
- 4. we are blessed only because of Jesus Christ
- 5. we don't deserve His grace—we all deserve to rot in hell