

Readings from Matthew chapter 25—May 15th-21st, 2022

⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ ⁴⁴ “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sunday: How is hell described in this passage? Pray with Elkhart, Ind., RPC for God to uphold parents as they train their children in the Lord. **Pray** for new families and individuals to attend and strengthen Frankston (Australia) RPC.

Monday: Various cults deny the biblical doctrine of hell. How would you prove that hell is eternal punishment? Please pray for Stillwater, Okla., RPC as they consider their options concerning purchasing a building. **Pray** for San Diego (Calif.) RPC, which suffered the loss of its young minister in a shooting incident a year ago; **pray** that the congregation would be sustained and able to call a pastor.

Tuesday: Who will be in hell? Give thanks for the many covenant children the Lord has provided to Grace (Gibsonia, Pa.) RPC, including seven babies born in the last six months; **pray** for the faithful instruction of all the children and that the older ones would make professions of faith and become communicant members of the church. **Pray for** Rev. Andrew Stewart and Geelong (Australia) RPC and its Central Fellowship Group. **Pray** that the Grace and Truth RPC (Harrisonburg, Va.), pastored by Ryan Bever and Paul Martin, would soon be organized.

Wednesday: What are other names for the devil? Pray for a new building for Dallas, Tex., RPC as they are rapidly running out of space. **Pray** that the Lord would raise up men for the gospel ministry in the RP Church of Ireland. **Pray** for the defeat of politicians who refuse to bow the knee to King Jesus.

Thursday: Is Jesus teaching salvation by means of men’s works? How would you support your answer from the Bible? Pray that experienced deacons would move to Georgia to assist Atlanta, Ga., RPC in handling the numerous challenges it faces in its inner-city ministry. **Pray** for Rev. Phillip Dunwoody and Andy Morrison, new editors of *Covenanter Witness*, magazine for the RPC of Ireland.

Friday: Why are the goats described as being cursed? Pray for fruit to spring up from the preaching of the Word at Grace (State College, Pa.) RPC. **Pray** for Sylvester Konteh, pastor of the Reformed church in Brikama, The Gambia, and

for the congregation which has recently doubled in attendance from 20 to 40.

Saturday: What does it mean to have eternal life? How does one obtain it? Give praise for new baptized-to-communicant members at Hazleton Area, Pa., RPC, and pray for other children who are of age to become communicant members. **Pray** for Atlanta RPC and its communion service tomorrow.

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The Lord’s Day

May 15, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements	
Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions	
The Call to Worship	Psalm 103:1-5, 17-22
*The Invocation	
*Psalm 103A	“Bless the Lord, My Soul; My Whole Heart”
Scripture Reading	Joshua 2:1-21
*Psalm 4B	“Answer When I Call, O God Who Justifies”
Pastoral Prayer	
*Psalm 143B	“Lord, Let My Prayer Prevail”
Scripture Text	Hebrews 11:1-3, 6, 13-16, 31
The Sermon	“The Chief of Sinners Saved through Faith”
*Prayer	
*Psalm 32A	“How Blessed Is the Man”

*Benediction

*Psalm 41C

“Blessed Be the Lord, the God of Israel”

** 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

“O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”—Psalm 119:97.

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

Heidelberg Catechism – Lord’s Day 23 Q. 60 How are you righteous before God? Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me – if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.
Q. 61 Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous? Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith, for only Christ’s satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness are my righteousness before God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

We are pleased to welcome to our pulpit today Pastor Drew Poplin. A native of Virginia, he is a graduate of Christopher Newport University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is slated to be installed next month as associate pastor of First RPC of Durham, N.C. He and his wife Anna are the parents of Sarah.

Sermon Outline

- I. We are saved through faith, not by works
 - A. The need for our salvation
 - B. The accomplishing of our salvation in Christ
 - C. Salvation offered through faith alone in Christ alone

D. The certainty and assurance of that salvation

II. God commends our faith, not our sin.

A. The sins of Rahab

B. God's remembers and commends her faith

C. Uses [Applications] from the Text

- 1) We are not to think too highly of ourselves
- 2) God nevertheless encourages our faith
- 3) We are to be patient toward others, remembering God's patience toward us

III. Faith is demonstrated by repentance.

A. The Doctrine of Sanctification

B. Faith demonstrated from our text

- 1) From heathenism to true faith
- 2) From harlotry to honest work and chastity
- 3) From identifying with the wicked to desiring to be numbered among the church