

Living Water Fellowship

6th Sunday in Pentecost – 17th July 2022

COME TO JESUS

SONGS: *Come Praise & Glorify*
Come As You Are

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Romans 10:1-13

¹ Dear brothers & sisters, the longing of my heart & my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ² I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. ³ For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. ⁴ For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

⁵ For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. ⁶ But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." ⁸ In fact, it says,

"The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart."

That message is the very message about faith we preach: ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord & believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, & it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." ¹² Jew & Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

CHILDREN'S TIME:

BIBLE READING: Romans 10:14-17

¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

¹⁶ But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

FAITH CHAT:

1. When did the gospel become something “compelling” or all-encompassing for you? Can you explain how or why that happened?
2. What prevents that from happening either in you or possibly someone else? How do you avoid that?

THE MESSAGE: *OPERATION GOSPEL: GOSPEL CALL*

OFFERING SONG: *The Night Song*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: JERUSALEM (CITYALIGHT)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Christ calls you to himself and his mission!
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *This Life I Live*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Romans 10:1-17. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. What would you say is the general view in the world of how a person experiences eternal life...or the unbroken presence of God?
3. What positive trait did Paul point out in the Israelites? Why is zeal for God not enough? What had the Israelites done instead of submitting to God’s righteousness? In what way is Christ the “end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes” (10:4)?
4. Some self-identified Christians have no problem confessing that Jesus is Savior. But struggle to confess him & submit to him as Lord. What is the difference? Why are both essential, or as CS Lewis says, you can’t have one without the other?
5. Read 1 Cor 9:16-17. What does Paul mean here? How does this relate to Rom 10? What things are you passionate about & therefore talk about them often? How can the gospel become that for you as well? What needs to change?
6. Paul quotes Deuteronomy 30:11-14 in vs 8-10. What of Deut 30 does he “omit”? What part of vs 8-10 is the “omitted” part? What do you think he means here?
7. Some people read verses 9-10 as a “formula” required for salvation. How did Pastor John discuss it? What’s the difference? How does seeing it more as a natural progression & profession rather than a “formula” encourage you?
8. In the Old Testament those who “call upon the name of the Lord” denotes covenant believers who believe all that the Lord has taught & practice those teachings in their lives. What is the meaning for New Testament believers?
9. In worship we noted that Christ gives his people 3 things:
His word...the gospel
His voice...Jn 16:14 How do these operate in & through you to bring
His authority...Mt 28:18-20 the good news of Jesus to someone else?
10. How do the questions Paul asks in verses 14-15 challenge you? What is the issue many Christians have with verse 16? How is that both a challenge and an encouragement? What will you do about that?