

Monday, 9 October 2017 Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

I know that someday I will stand before the Great Throne of the LORD, God the Almighty and confidently state that I am forgiven and point to the Cross, the seal of my redemption. Why then should I be ashamed of my standing before men as a redeemed son of God? Every fiber of my being should shout, "I'm redeemed, hallelujah, I'm redeemed."

Tuesday, 10 October 2017 Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

We are all called as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all called to live every moment of our lives as witnesses to the transforming power of the Cross. We are called to display lives that demonstrate a love for God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. In other words, our total being is to be a paean of praise expressed through our love of our neighbor.

Wednesday, 11 October 2017 Romans 10:16-17

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

"The gospel is given, not only to be known and believed, but to be obeyed. It is not a system of

notions, but a rule of practice." Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary 'Nuf said.

Thursday, 12 October 2017 Romans 10:18-21

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

While this passage refers to the nation of Israel, there is an important principle here for all of us in the example of Isaiah. Perseverance! Don't give up; press on, live the Gospel, preach the Gospel, be the Gospel to all.

Friday, 13 October 2017 Romans 11:20

That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.

I am called to exhibit humility and compassion towards those who continue in their unbelief. If I truly love my neighbors, I will seek the greatest gift of all for them, which they would come to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Saturday, 14 October 2017 Romans 11:23

And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

I must not give up for the LORD, God the Almighty has the power to convince the most stubborn individual to come to Him in repentance. I must always work with the knowledge that God has not shared with me who is

among the elect and who is not. I must never give up hope.

Lord's Day, 15 October 2017 Psalm 119:2-3

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

Lord that I would have this walk of circumspection alert to all the dangers around me, and guided in every step by the Holy Spirit. Help me, my Lord and Master, the one to whom I owe everything.

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



October 9-15, 2017

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: 2 Timothy 4:22
The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

As Paul prayed for Timothy that the Lord be with his spirit and that the grace of God would fill him, so let us pray for each other this week. Let us covenant to raise up each member and their personal ministry by praying through our congregational directory. Amen

Creational Theology hint for the week--In Thanksgiving for a Good Meal

All Glory to you, Creator of the Universe, /Who has fed me so well today! /In the name of the Creator, /whose love and goodness sustains me, /In the name of the Child, /whose love and goodness sustains me, /In the name of the Spirit, /whose love and goodness sustains me, /I offer thanksgiving for this good meal! /For the bounty of the Earth, /and the good things it brings forth, /I sing Your praises! /For the savor of good food and the refreshment of good drink, /I sing Your praises! /For the great honor of sharing Your pleasure in what You have made, /I sing Your praises! /May this good meal strengthen me to do Your will, /May it sustain me in Your service, /May the pleasure of it remind me of Your ever-present love and goodness!
Anamchara Books. Earth Afire with God: Celtic Prayers for Ordinary Life (Kindle Locations 257-267). Anamchara Books. Kindle Edition.