

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Hayden Jilka (7 yrs old) - had his monthly chemo treatment at El Camino Hospital on 2/4 and he's looking forward to celebrating his 8th birthday on 2/14. Please pray that his immune system stays strong enough to fight off illness. To follow Hayden's journey: posthope.org/hope-for-hayden.

Jared Hinds - Please pray for Jared's stamina as he faces very intense chemo treatments. They are meeting many supportive people along the way and are keeping in touch with other young couples who they have met that have traveled this journey just steps ahead of them. To follow Jared's journey, giveforward.com/fundraiser/5t47/jared-hinds-leukemia-fund-raiser.

Lori Forcier - had brain surgery at UCSF for an aneurysm on 1/13. Lori had several setbacks but returned home on 2/4. Please pray for a complete and smooth recovery.

Paul Seals - had surgery for a broken hip and is in rehab at Dominican. Pray for an uncomplicated recovery and strength & comfort for his wife Janice.

Lou Schiavon - Now on Hospice. At this time, he will not be going back to the hospital to be treated. Please pray for peace and comfort for Lou & his family.

Joy Williams, Gary and Susie's daughter - is home from the hospital and still a pretty sick girl but the fluid around her heart is diminishing. They are confident she will fully recover and home is really the best place for her.

Pauline Roby - had hip replacement surgery at Stanford on 2/3. Please pray for an uncomplicated recovery.

Gary Barton - started back on chemo treatments. Please pray for strength for Gary, for peace and comfort for his wife, Dawn and for wisdom for the doctors as they determine how to best move forward in his treatment plan.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Colleen Bellow's mom, **Dagmar Tomlinson** - unexpectedly passed away on January 25th. Please keep the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their dear mom and grandma.

Robert Carpenter, father of Glenn Carpenter - passed into the presence of the Lord on Friday, January 23rd. Glenn and his wife Teri, as well as the rest of the family appreciate the prayers and support of this church.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org



A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.

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GUARD YOUR JOY GALATIANS 1:1-10

FEBRUARY 7 & 8
RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— and all the brothers and sisters with me, to the churches in Galatia: **Grace and peace** to you from God our Father and the Lord **Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us** from the present evil age, **according to the will of our God and Father**, to whom **be glory for ever and ever**. Amen. Galatians 1:1-5

THE GOSPEL THAT BRINGS JOY

“**Grace**”: undeserved, transforming _____ of God; leads to...

“**Peace**”: confident, serene _____ God loves and cares for me; made possible because...

“**Jesus gave himself for our sins to rescue us**”:

My salvation is a _____! I am rescued...

“**according to the will of our God and Father**”: He saves me by his sovereign will. He does it this way...

“**for His glory**”: to show his power and goodness _____

THE PROBLEM IN GALATIA

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to **live in the grace of Christ** and are turning to a **different gospel**—which is really no gospel at all. Galatians 1:6-7a

CHARACTERISTICS OF JOY-STEALING RELIGION:

1. _____

Evidently some people are throwing you into **confusion** and are trying to **pervert** the gospel of Christ. (v. 7)

2. _____

But even if we or **an angel from heaven** should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! (v. 8,9)

WHY FOCUS SO MUCH ON DOCTRINE?

BECAUSE BAD DOCTRINE LEADS TO _____

3. _____

Am I now **trying to win the approval of human beings**, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. (v. 10)

KEY PHRASE:

"...live in the grace of Christ..." (Galatians 1:6a)

ASK YOURSELF:

AM I EXPERIENCING THE _____ THAT COMES FROM
UNDERSTANDING _____?

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. Galatians 1:3,4

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY Read Galatians 1:1-5. How does a true understanding of grace lead to peace? How does an incomplete understanding of grace take away peace? Are you experiencing the peace that flows out of an appreciation of God's grace in your life? *Give God thanks for His grace toward you. Ask Him for the peace that comes from grace.*

TUESDAY Read Galatians 1:6,7. The Galatians were receiving mixed messages about the gospel from these new teachers. Here are some you might still hear today:

COMMON MIXED MESSAGES ABOUT THE GOSPEL

- God loves you unconditionally... Be sure you keep all the conditions!
- Jesus paid your debt in full... Now stay "paid up" by doing good works
- God loves everyone equally... But some are loved more than others
- Receive Christ to be saved... Now don't sin or you may not be saved!

Which of these have you heard or believed? Why is it so easy to think like this? God calls us to "live in the grace of Christ". What do you think it means to "live" in grace? Thank God again for His grace. Ask Him to help you live in it!

WEDNESDAY Read Galatians 1:8,9. Why do you suppose that false teachers often claim extra revelation, often from an angel? It's fascinating to me that Paul would say, in effect, "If I ever teach weird doctrine, kick me out." In other words, he never says, "Accept my authority without question". How about you? Do you lead others in a way that stems from the gospel, or in a way that emphasizes your authority? Ask God to help you lead in a way that flows from your understanding of the gospel of grace.

THURSDAY Read Gal. 1:10. Apparently Paul had been a people-pleaser back in his legalistic days. How can you keep from being a performance-oriented people-pleaser and instead rest in God's grace and love? Today ask God for the wisdom to not be a people-pleaser!

FRIDAY In preparation for this weekend's message, read Galatians 1:11-24. What impresses you about these verses? Paul's transformed life caused people to praise God. In what ways could your testimony cause people to "praise God because of you"? How would you like to cause people to praise God? Thank God for your testimony—how he reached you when you were lost.

SATURDAY Please go over devotions you may have missed, and pray for this weekend's messages. Thanks!