



August 20, 2023

Pastor Note:

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NLT2)

**This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” ... 1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT2)**

- Everyone is a sinner.
- Everyone is headed for God’s judgment.
- Everyone should know and accept that only Jesus can save a sinner from his or her sins and God’s judgment.
- Everyone who believes in Jesus as the crucified, buried, and risen Savior and calls on His name, confessing their faith in Him will be saved.

How do we know the above to be true? The written word of God, the Bible, tells us. When I first became a Christian, I had my own salvation story/testimony which at its heart is me getting to know, understand, accept, and believe the four salvation truths stated above. However, since they are true about everyone, everyone needs to know them. We share important and helpful stuff all the time, and we should, but in terms of eternal importance, this is it. So, I wanted to be able to point to some scriptures when sharing salvation through Christ with someone.

I don’t remember who it was that introduced me to the “Romans Road to Heaven,” a handful of scriptures in the Bible book of Romans that state basic truths someone needs to know to be saved:

**“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”** Romans 3:23 (ESV).

**“The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”** Romans 6:23 (ESV).

**“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”** Romans 5:8 (ESV).

**“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” ... “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”** Romans 10:9-10, 13 (ESV).

I wrote those references inside the front cover of my Bible. I highlighted them in the Book of Romans. Then I wrote where to go from one scripture to the next in the margin, next to Romans 3:23 I wrote go to Romans 6:23, and so on. I also wrote them on 3x5 cards and memorized them. And finally, I thought about how to integrate them into my own salvation testimony when I had a chance to share it. I wanted to be able to give a clear and helpful answer to anyone who wanted to know why and how they could be saved - I still do.

I can tell you this, that little bit of preparation has helped me a ton in sharing Jesus with other sinners like me. Did they ask me questions I couldn’t answer? You bet, I still don’t have all the answers. I do, however, know why a sinner needs to be saved and the only way how a sinner will be saved. And I have loved every opportunity I’ve had to share the Gospel, “Christ died for our (my, your) sins, was buried, and rose again.” Hallelujah! That’s very good news.

Since those early days of my Christian life, I have learned more ways and more scriptures to explain the Gospel. I memorized the little tract “The Bridge to Life” and the scriptures cited in it. I learned to turn to different places in Bible, like John 1, 3, 4, 5, Luke 16, 1 John 1, ..., depending on who I am talking with. My prayer is that you and I will live out 1 Peter 3:15, **“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”** 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV).

May someone hear the Gospel through you this week. And, if you are reading this pastor’s note but never called on Jesus to save you, don’t miss the moment, the opportunity God is giving you right now.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

Sermon Notes:

## PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Julie Ebel, Sipes, family, Lori Newton, Rickie Jeffers (health), Cherlyann(health), Colton & Olivia (car accident), And that we SHARE.

## SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

## Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,  
Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez,  
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula,  
Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,  
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,  
Christopher Sula

## CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or an e-mail to: **Judy Mahar** [ldpbcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:ldpbcprayer@gmail.com)

## **Church Board Members:**

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon  
Russ Young . Dan Hankemeier . Sue Kluding .  
Gabi Cox . Chuch Arndt

# August Announcements

## Ministry Opportunity

Our children's department is seeking help for our Wednesday night class to assist the teacher. No teaching or prep is required - just show up to help as needed.

For more information, contact Susie Frei

(phone: 209-247-9234) or [skfrei@gmail.com](mailto:skfrei@gmail.com)).

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## Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Communion Sunday - August 27th  
**Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service**

Fellowship Time Snacks  
were provided  
By - "Hans' Class"

**Thank you**

*Next week Dan's Class is up!!*

The Church Board wishes to welcome  
**"Gail Hempel"**  
into our church membership

A Bit of  
Humor  
Corner



**Giving**

*August 13, 2023*

**Offering:**  
\$ 3,278.60

**Missions**  
\$5.00

**Food Ministry:**  
\$10.00

**Youth Camp:**  
\$320.00

**Facilities:**  
\$50.00

**Attendance:**  
80

**Weekly Events**

**Sunday School/Small Groups:**

9:00 AM

**Sunday Morning Worship Service:**

10:30 AM

**Sunday Evening Worship Service:**

6:00 PM

**Tuesday:** Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

**1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday**

**Food Ministry:**

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

**Wednesday:**

Women's Bible Study - On Hiatus  
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM  
Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

**Thursday:** Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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**S H A R E**



*1 Timothy 6:18*



**August 21st - August 27th**

DAY 1 - Rev. 2  
(Prov. 21)

DAY 2 - Rev. 3  
(Prov. 22)

DAY 3 - Rev. 4  
(Prov. 23)

DAY 4 - Rev. 5  
(Prov. 24)

DAY 5 - Rev. 6  
(Prov. 25)

DAY 6- (Prov. 26)  
DAY 7- (Prov. 27)

**Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.**