

Faith **Romans 4:1-5**

Our selfish patterns are "sinful," so it is common to feel awkward about getting close to God. We may feel ineligible to receive God's love and, instead, expect his angry judgment. We might feel guilty and be afraid that God will reject us. Secretly we wish that we could have a loving relationship with God, but we are afraid we could never be good enough.

The apostle Paul has shown us that we can have the love and acceptance we desire: "For the Scriptures tell us, 'Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.' When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God" (Romans 4:3-5, 23-25).

There are free gifts waiting for us that are essential to our spiritual growth: God's forgiveness, acceptance, and powerful support. God makes it clear that we have been declared "not guilty" in his court of Justice if we have trusted Christ. He has promised to give us a special home in heaven with our name on it. There is no need for us to do anything but accept his free gifts. When we turn our lives over to God, we gain far more than we could ever lose!

Remove Sin, Don't Try To Improve It **Romans 6:5-11**

We need to be entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character. Most of us have made numerous attempts at self-improvement. Perhaps we have consciously tried to improve our attitudes, our education, our appearance, or our habits. We may have had success in self-improvement on some level. However, when it comes to our struggles with defects of character, chances are we have experienced only deep frustration.

There is a reason for our frustration. These character defects can only be removed, never merely improved! The illustration given us in the Bible is that our sins and defects of character must be put to death, as Jesus was, with the hope of new life to follow. The apostle Paul wrote: "Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin" (Romans 6:6). "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there" (Galatians 5:24).

There is no Band-Aid cure for our sins and defects of character. These defects are fatal wounds and must be put to death on the cross. This process is never easy. Who goes to a crucifixion without some measure of anxiety? But when we accept this and allow God to remove our defects, we will be pleasantly surprised by the new life that awaits us.

Just For Today the Choice is Mine

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, not tackling all of my problems at once. I can do something at this moment that would discourage me if I had to continue it for a lifetime.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	10:00 am.....	Bible Study.....	At the building and live stream		
Sunday	11:00 am.....	Worship.....	At the building and live stream		
Wednesday	10:30 am.....	Senior Breakfast	At Perkins		
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Order of Service **Worship Leader: Bob Queenan**

Song – Blue Skies and Rainbows	Lord’s Supper – John F, Holden, Nathan, Doug
Song – When Jesus Speaks	Song - Doxology
Praise Prayer – Ty	Offering – Doug, Holden, Nathan, John F
Song - #777 Father Hear the Prayer We Offer	Pew Packers - Andy
Song – #771 Lord Speak to Me	Lesson – Andy
Scripture – Bob	Song – #399 Jesus Calls Us
Song – That’s Why We Praise Him	Announcements
	Dismissal Prayer – Kyle

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Clio Eldred – www.RefugeinChrist.net	Glenn Langston - Blind Ministry
Nathan and Alvin Luther – Philippines	Ghana West Africa Water Project
Cimi Kafexhiu - The Church in Durres, Albania	Caleb Odle - Arlington, Texas

Bible Quiz

1. What was Matthew’s profession?
2. To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a great and blinding light?
3. Who was the first person to come upon the injured man in the parable of the Good Samaritan?
4. Finish the verse “In every battle you will need faith as your ____ to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.
5. Whose example does Paul say Christians should follow in Chapter 5 of Ephesians?
6. After Jesus fed the 5000, how many baskets were left over?
7. What does Paul say may “abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgement?”
8. What tribe is Paul from?

Events Calendar

- Mar 19th **Senior Breakfast** 10:30 am at the building – all seniors, pre-seniors, and caregivers are invited! (3rd Saturday of the month).
- Mar 26th **Spring Food Drive** for Mountain States Children’s Home. Flyers with the needed items are in the foyer – please pick up some items when you grocery shop and put them in the collection boxes in the foyer when you come to worship. All items must be in by 10:00 am on March 26th.
- May 12-14th **Montana Men’s Retreat**, C-N Camp, 6040 Dearborn Canyon Road, Augusta, MT 59410. \$120 over 18, \$80 under 19 or full time student. \$15 Late Fee after May 3rd; Please make checks to Great Falls Church of Christ & mail to Men’s Retreat, PO Box 6848, Great Falls, Mt 59406. Speakers: Devon Labay, Mesquite, Texas; Russell Epperson, Livingston, Montana; Scott Free, Bozeman, Montana. For any questions, please contact Bob Alfred: Cell: 406-788-7599, Email: Alfredfamily@hotmail.com.
- Jun 11-12th Join us for the **WOW Marriage Seminar**, Led by Dr. Barry and Tina England, who have years of experience in restoring broken marriages and strengthening relationships of spouses desiring stronger marriages. Barry serves as Family Minister at the West 7th Church of Christ in Columbia Tennessee.
- Dec 8-11th **Winter Rendezvous** in West Yellowstone is BACK!! We have joined an effort with a few congregations in Wyoming and Montana to bring back the Winter Rendezvous in December. Currently the next meeting is scheduled the weekend of December 8-11 in West Yellowstone. More details to follow as they are developed. If you would like to contribute specifically to the financial support of the conference, please mark your contribution "WINTER RENDEZVOUS". Support can also be earmarked utilizing the online contribution method.

Prayers and Praise

- Prayers for Steve’s mother’s health. Steve and Barbara are traveling to Arkansas to visit – prayers for safe travel and a good outcome.
- Praise for Chis Langford’s recovery, and prayers for his continued improvement.
- Praise for Floyd’s new medication working well.
- Prayers for Alex, recovering from an ectopic pregnancy that had to be terminated.
- Prayers for health for Anna’s Nana, Bonnie Borgstrom, and for Barb who’s caring for her.
- Prayers for continued healing for Kay’s nephew Jeremy.
- Prayers for Brenda & Gene, sheltering at home.
- Prayers for John & Marlene, sheltering at home.
- Prayers for Harry & Barb’s daughter Crystal, for encouragement.
- Prayers for Harry, coping with medical issues.
- Prayers for Gary, Rob, Kyle & Andy as they lead our congregation.
- Prayers for Jordan and Thomas, serving in the armed forces.
- Prayers for our widows: Myrna, Ella, Miriam, Louise, Sallye, Millie & Carolyn.

Bible Quiz	
1. Tax collector	8. Benjamin
2. Damascus	7. Love
3. Priest	6. 12
4. Shield	5. Christ's
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6. 12	3. Priest
7. Love	2. Damascus
8. Benjamin	1. Tax collector

Welcome!

We’re a bible-based and non-denominational congregation of Christians meeting in Idaho Falls to praise and worship the one God. All are welcome! Please join us in our worship services and classes.



For those who are led by the Spirit of God
are the children of God.
Romans 8:14

Meditation for Today

The elimination of selfishness is the key to happiness and can only be accomplished with God’s help. We start out with a spark of the Divine Spirit but a large amount of selfishness. As we grow and come in contact with other people, we can take one of two paths. We can become more and more selfish and practically extinguish the Divine Spark within us, or we can become more unselfish and develop our spirituality until it becomes the most important thing in our lives.

I pray that I may grow more and more unselfish, honest, pure, and loving. I pray that I may take the right path every day.