Westview Baptist Church

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"people learning to live Jesus' way"
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Our purpose is to bring glory to God. We will do this as we:

- 1. are transformed by enjoying Christ;
- 2. love by serving others; and
- 3. proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Teaching Sessions

31 October is celebrated around the world as Reformation Day, marking the anniversary of the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg.

It's perhaps fitting that as we remember the Reformation 'rediscovery' of salvation by faith alone, that same emphasis occurs in the passage in Galatians that we are thinking about today. Paul urges his readers to resist any teaching that would add any man-made conditions to the simple message that 'through Jesus, everyone who believes is set free from every sin.' (Acts 13:39)

Next week we will be looking at Gal 3:15-4:7.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

Scripture at Evans High went well. Continue to pray for the school, teachers and staff who heard the gospel. Our special morning tea raised \$336 for pink ribbon. Thank you to everyone who donated that was a great effort. From Esme and Alison

Regarding Prayer...

He asked for strength that he might achieve; he was made weak that he might obey. He asked for health that he might do great things; he was given infirmity that he might do better things. He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise. He asked for power that he might have the praise of men;

he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

He asked for all thing that he might enjoy life; he was given life that the might enjoy all things. He had received nothing that he asked for, all that he hoped for; his prayer is answered. Anon

Community prayer night is generally on the 4th Sunday of the month which is 24th November. Weekly prayer group 6am Thursdays.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Syrian Persecution

Let the Syrian Church know that Christians around the world are praying for them. By signing Open Doors Australia's 'Save Syria' petition, you will join more than 200,000 Open Doors supporters internationally in lifting up Christians in Syria and calling on the U.N. to ensure their protection. Sign online here.

Praying for the Persecuted

The World Watch List identifies the most persecuted countries in the world. A new country will be listed each week for us to pray for. So far 1. North Korea; 2. Saudi Arabia

#3 Persecuted Country: Afghanistan

'Islamic extremism' & 'Organised corruption' are the main persecution dynamics. Family & societal combined with government persecution makes the situation very difficult despite agreements designed to protect the freedom of religion. The state treats converts, who in a very hostile manner. Christians cannot meet in public and even private houses require extreme caution. No church buildings exist, and Christians are subject to cases of kidnapping, abduction, killing and having to flee the country. The Taliban is regaining strength in the country and has vowed to purge all Christians. Entering a new phase with the withdrawal of troops in 2013-14, different ethnic factions struggle for their share of power, the election in April 2014 is approaching and may not have a positive effect. The church has been pushed underground - and is likely to remain there.

Teaching

Galatians: Jesus Alone! 4. Living by Faith (Galatians 3:1-14)

The Judaizers' teaching threatened the believers' s_____.

The Galatians' experience of the Good News

Paul's sermon there – Acts 13:16-41 Set free from sin through Jesus – Acts 13:39 Those important first experiences of the Christian life –

Galatians 3:1- 5
Who do you think was bewitching the believers?
The crux of Paul's original message: the truth about Jesus
Only one way – Acts 4:12
Abraham's experience
God's commitment to Abraham:
Blessing for the p of the (Gen 12:1-4)
A home for Abraham's (Gen 13:14-15)
The S and without number (Gen 15:4-6)
What happened when Abraham believed God?
A relationship based p and s on
b God. (Galatians 3:6-9)
The curse of the Law The false teaching led to a d e (Gal 3:10-14) When Jesus died on the cross, the price of our sin was p in f
An important reminder – Galatians 2:20-21
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