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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord

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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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Eat the Scroll

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Thru visions came the word of the Lord to the prophet Ezekiel while he was in captivity. *Eat this scroll* is what God told Ezekiel in 3:1. *Then, go and speak to the house of Israel. So, I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.* The word of God was to spiritually sustain him like meat and drink. He was to take in God's message and dwell on it and imprint it in his heart so that he could deliver it to his people. Similar to Jeremiah's words, *your words were found and I ate them* (15:16).

God had made Ezekiel a watchman with warnings to share. In order to deliver the warnings, he had to listen, and take in the message before he could ever share it, and so, he *ate the scroll*. Then, he had to consider his audience. Some within the house of Isreal were wicked; some were righteous, but all needed God's word.

God makes it very clear that since Ezekiel was given the message, he had a role to play; he had serious responsibility in the matter. He could not keep the message to himself. *Go, get to the captives, to the children of your people and speak to them, thus sayeth the Lord* (v. 11). He was to warn them to not continue in their wickedness because *the soul that sins will die* (Ez. 18:20) and the *wages of sin is death* (Rom. 6:23). For those who were righteous, warn them not to sin as well. In either case, by obeying God, you save your own soul. God also told Ezekiel, *hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me* (3:17). The warning was about living a righteous life and not a wicked one. If he heeds the warning, he lives. If you fail to deliver God's message and he dies, his blood is on your hands. It is true everyone will answer for themselves, but a direct command from God is that we love our neighbor and share His word. Then, let them decide.

What does this mean for us today? We need to eat the scroll, too. We must take God's word into ourselves, obey it, and let it sustain our lives knowing that we are God's people; His children saved by the Gospel (Rom. 1:16).

Second, we have a role to play in saving our neighbor just as Ezekiel did. Each of us has been called to spread the gospel to the lost (Mk. 13:10)

Third, we have a message that we must share. The message of salvation thru our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said, *For I determined not to know anything except Christ and Him crucified* (I Cor. 2:2).

God wanted Ezekiel to deliver His word to his own people. The same is true for us today. We have a message of hope, joy and peace in Christ that frees people from sin and death. Will you obey God and warn your fellow man? If you do, you will deliver your own soul!!

December Fixings

Ladies Gift Exchange
December 5

Holiday Baskets
December 12

Holiday Luncheon
December 13

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

PSALM 107

I. The Wanderers- v. 4-9, Matthew 5:6, Acts 17:27, Hebrews 13:11, 1 Peter 2:11
II. The Imprisoned- v. 10-16, John 8:34, Romans 6:17-18, Ephesians 2:5
III. The Sick- v. 17-22, 1 Timothy 6:9-10, 1 Corinthians 5:5, Luke 15:11-32
IV. The Storm-Tossed- v. 23- Jonah 1:1-17, Mark 4:35-41, 2 Timothy 4:18

Worship Service

Announcements
Song: 100 Come, Thou Almighty King
Prayer
Song: 752 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak (Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)
Lord's Supper and Contribution
Song: 17 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Song: 388 Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing
Scripture Reading: Psalm 107:1-3
Sermon
Song: 125 Do You Know My Jesus?
Song: 473 O How I Love Jesus (Vs. 1)
Prayer

Psalm 107:1-3

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Psalm 107:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so,* Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
3 And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23