

Offerings:

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Date:	Budgeted:	Actual:
15 September	\$ 1,870	\$ 1,685
Year-to-Date	\$71,060	\$71,014

Memorization of Scripture

Philippians 4:11 "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content."
[Submitted by Gretta Syvertson]

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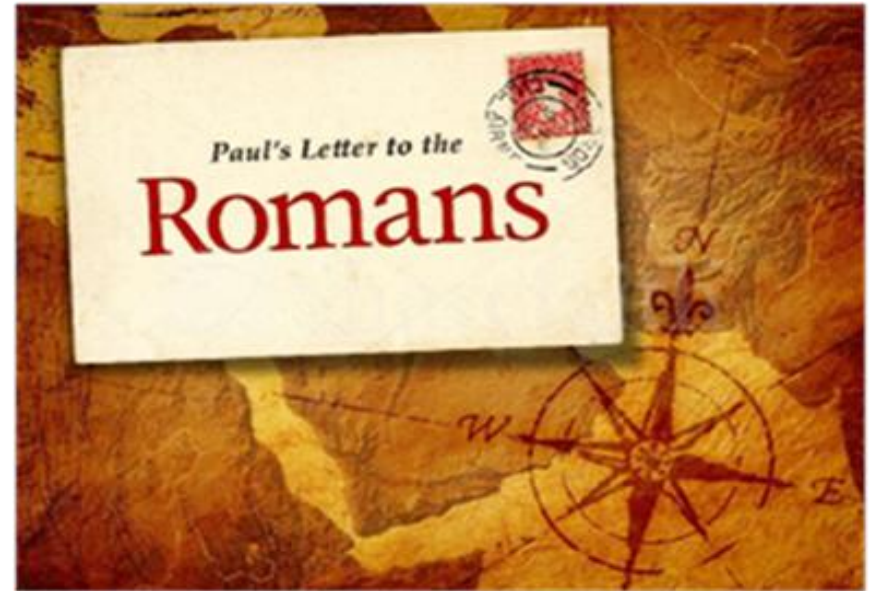
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Prayer Requests

--**Jane Roberts:** Prayers for physical healing from a fall and head trauma, and for Jane to be able to return home soon. May the Lord place His healing hands upon His faithful servant.

--**Linda Fischer:** Prayers for continued healing from a fall. Thanksgiving for the wisdom and skills of her medical team and for the healing touch of our Lord, the Great Physician.

--**Hurricane Helene:** Prayers for the Lord's presence and comfort to those who lost loved ones, healing for those injured, and safety and care for those displaced by flooding.

--**Around the Globe:** Prayers for divine intervention in areas of conflict, including: relief from severe famine and civil war in Sudan; freedom of worship in Nicaragua; peace in Gaza, Lebanon, and Ukraine.

Announcements

--**Christmas Shoeboxes** (and instructions) are now available! Fill a box to enrich a child's life and help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Return filled boxes November 17-25.

--**Have you filled out a Congregational Questionnaire?** This gives valuable feedback to the leadership team regarding church operations and helps us identify the role that New Life Fellowship is to play in spreading the Gospel and helping build God's kingdom.

--**Wednesday Bible Study:** The next gathering is October 9 at Sharry's house, 6:45-8:15pm (but feel to arrive or leave whenever fits your schedule). This is an opportunity for you to add your own insights or questions to a discussion of the Scriptural passages used in our Sunday services.

Pastor Mike brings us
this morning's message:

Choosing Jesus:
The Role of Free Will in Salvation
(Romans 9:30-33 and 10:1-13)

September 29, 2024

Choosing Jesus: The Role of Free Will in Salvation

Romans 9:30-33, 10:1-13 (ESV)

³⁰ What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³ as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." (Isaiah 28:16)

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. (*Alternative: For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who believes may be justified.*)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ **because, 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.** ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ **For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

Next Week: In Romans 10:14-17 and 11:1-6, the Apostle Paul emphasizes the importance of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, and that despite widespread rejection of Jesus as the Messiah by the Israelites, God still saves a remnant by His grace.

Teaching Notes

This Week: Last week, we studied Romans 9:1-24, which included references to the doctrine of "election" (predestination) with an emphasis on God's sovereignty. The Apostle Paul's very next passage, however, flips the focus around by emphasizing human faith and free will in the act of salvation. Today's passage is also one of the most straightforward declarations of the "gospel"—the Good News of Jesus Christ—in all of the New Testament!

I. Righteousness is by Faith, not by the Law

A. Righteousness Does Not Come by the Law
(Romans 9:30-33; 10:5-7)

B. Faith is Counted as Righteousness (Romans 10:4b)

II. The Law and the Prophets Point to Jesus

A. Jesus as "The End of the Law" (Romans 10:4a)

B. The Way of Salvation is Near (Romans 10:8)

III. The Role of Free Will in Salvation

A. Confession of Faith (Romans 10:9; 10:13)

B. Arminian Theology

C. Theological Systems as Tools to Interpret Scripture

IV. The End of the Matter

A. We Want Others to Have What We Have (Romans 9:1-5, 10:1)

B. Salvation is Beyond Our Control: "Not by Works"

C. Salvation is Beyond Our Understanding (Romans 10:2-3)

D. We are Called To:

1. Share the Gospel (The Good News of Jesus Christ)

2. Pray for Spiritual Awakening and Revival

3. Grow in Our Walk with the Lord (Discipleship)