



Week of 1/9/2023

Reflection

Taken from C.H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* devotional

"For me to live is Christ." [Philippians 1:21](#)

The believer did not always live to Christ. He began to do so when God the Holy Spirit convinced him of sin, and when by grace he was brought to see the dying Saviour making a propitiation for his guilt. From the moment of the new and celestial birth the man begins to live to Christ. Jesus is to believers the one pearl of great price, for whom we are willing to part with all that we have. He has so completely won our love, that it beats alone for him; to his glory we would live, and in defence of his gospel we would die; he is the pattern of our life, and the model after which we would sculpture our character. Paul's words mean more than most men think; they imply that the aim and end of his life was Christ--nay, his life itself was Jesus. In the words of an ancient saint, he did eat, and drink, and sleep eternal life. Jesus was his very breath, the soul of his soul, the heart of his heart, the life of his life. Can you say, as a professing Christian, that you live up to this idea? Can you honestly say that for you to live is Christ? Your business--are you doing it for Christ? Is it not done for self-aggrandizement and for family advantage? Do you ask, "Is that a mean reason?" For the Christian it is. He professes to live for Christ; how can he live for another object without committing a spiritual adultery? Many there are who carry out this principle in some measure; but who is there that dare say that he hath lived wholly for Christ as the apostle did? Yet, this alone is the true life of a Christian--its source, its sustenance, its fashion, its end, all gathered up in one word--Christ Jesus. Lord, accept me; I here present myself, praying to live only in thee and to thee. Let me be as the bullock which stands between the plough and the altar, to work or to be sacrificed; and let my motto be, "Ready for either."

Pray for the Unreached

Banjara People of India
Population: 7,176,000 | Religion: Hinduism |
Percent Christian: 0.3%

The Banjara are India's largest nomadic people group. Many live in poverty in grass huts. Most Banjara children do not go to school because their families move so often. The Banjara do not have a written language, so there is no scripture translated in their heart language. Please pray for messengers of the Gospel to reach the Banjara people, and to share the hope of Christ with them.

Prayer Requests

- Russell Lee - Please pray for our youngest daughter (Amy) as she faces heart surgery (Jan 17th) to repair a hole in her heart. Without the operation, she faces a possible stroke.
- Please pray for the Bauman's as they return to Southeast Europe. If you feel led to contribute financially to their ministry, please contact Nate and Metta at nate.metta@gmail.com.
- Paul and Alison Greco - Please pray for Paul & Alison Greco's sons. Both have recently completed their schooling and are searching for job opportunities.
- Shelia Alexander - Please pray for Cherlene Hunnicut, Sheila's sister, who is experiencing some health-related issues.
- Chet Peterson - experienced a work related injury and is unable to return to work for 4-8 weeks; UPDATE: bone is healing up well, has follow-up appointment on January 24th.
- Kathy Lee - young mom and friend, Sophia, has breast cancer.
- Marcus Lester - pray for discernment for business opportunities
- Nickie Sacco - Please pray for Charles Salter, he is still in Accordius Health waiting on cardiologist to give ok before he can have back surgery.
- Duncan Pressley - Cheyenne Pressley & Bill Pressley
- Kathy Lee - Jeanette Guy - breast cancer
- Liz Fleming - Ivan (my daughter-in-law's cousin) on front lines in Ukraine. Please, pray for safety and salvation
- Meghan LaRose - My sister, Katie, unemployed, very hard financial hardships
- Kathy Lee - Browning Family, 17 year old son died by suicide

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Calendar

- Thursday: 5:30 PM - Weekly Prayer Time at church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM - Worship Service

- Monthly Dinner - Jan. 20th at 6pm

Announcements

- Sign-up sheets for Shelter meals are on the table each Sunday in the Sanctuary.
- Cover Shelter is in need of overnight workers. If you are interested, please contact Brad or Ed.



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