

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday February 2, 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Junior Church

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Acts 21:1-26

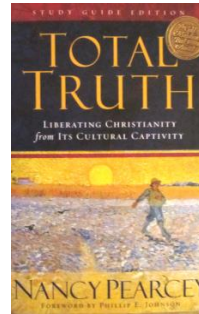
Message.....Pastor John Bellingham

"COSTLY DISCIPLESHIP" – PART II

Lord's Supper

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



"TOTAL TRUTH"

A book written by Nancy Pearcey. Liberating Christianity from its cultural captivity. "The most serious undertaking on Christian worldview to date – from one of the finest writers in America" -Mike Adams, *columnist, author*

Rosedale Baptist Church



Memory Work for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary

Catechism Questions:

59. Q. *How do you repent of your sin?*

A. I must be sorry for my sin, and hate and turn from it.

60. Q. *Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?*

A. No, I cannot repent and believe unless the Holy Spirit changes my heart.

Middle Elementary

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

Monday

Christian, Marguerite

Tuesday

Cimato, Dave & Stephanie
Malyssa, Lauren, David

Wednesday

Denis, Gaston & Kim

Thursday

Denis, David

Friday

Denis, Esther

Saturday

Din Fowler, Nikki
Tianna

Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Monday: Youth Group – 6:30pm

Tuesday: Men's Study – 9:30 am
Ladies' Study – 8:30pm

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Friday: Young Adults – 6:30pm

Saturday: Men's Study – 8:00am
Ladies' Study – 8:00am

Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00am
Corporate Worship– 10:30 am

Dinner for Doctors: Rosedale is hosting a fundraising dinner for doctors and help support New Life Associates (Joseph Kishore) to provide a salary for a doctor in Hyderabad India. A donation for this cause would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up in foyer! Friday, February 28 at 6:00pm. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

Parents Meeting for Junior Church: All parents are encouraged to attend a short meeting on Sunday February 16 immediately following the morning service. We will be discussing how to best use the curriculum at home, as well as some important information related to our anti-abuse policy - 'Plan to Protect'.

Open Arms Collection: This month (Sunday February 16th) Rosedale has been asked to collect Canned Soup for the mission.

Sandwich Sunday: Next Sunday (February 9th) immediately following the morning service.

Costly Discipleship (Part II) - Acts 21:1-26

- Paul's journey to Jerusalem shows us what it means to count the cost of following Jesus Christ. Paul models *costly discipleship* in two ways: 1) His Inflexibility (vv. 1-16); 2) His Flexibility (vv. 17-26)

II. Paul's Flexibility (vv. 17-26)

- 1) The Perennial Problem of Legalism
 - a. Legalism: pursuing good works/ laws/ rules with the intention of earning God's favour
 - i. God's Moral Law **vs.** Man-made Rules (Romans 6:1-2; cf. Colossians 2:16-23)
 - ii. Weak Conscience **vs.** Legalist (Romans 14:1-23; cf. Philippians 3:2-3)
 - b. Grace: God's unmerited favour
- 2) Legalists within the Jerusalem Church had started a malicious rumour about Paul
 - a. The relationship of Gentiles to the ceremonial law (ie. circumcision) had been settled during the Jerusalem council (cf Acts 15)
 - b. The relationship of Jewish Christians to the ceremonial law was still a very hot issue!
 - i. Thousands of 'weaker brothers' in the Jerusalem Church felt that they should continue to follow the Law (v. 20)
 - ii. A handful of 'Legalists' (aka Judaizers) within the Jerusalem Church wanted to discredit Paul's ministry among the Jews
- 3) James and the Elders suggest that Paul undergo a religious ritual to silence these rumours
 - a. Paul must have agonized over this decision!
 - i. Some scholars believe that Paul made a serious error in judgment here by giving in to the legalists

- ii. A better explanation is to see Paul acting here in the best interest of his brothers and sisters with weak consciences
 - iii. Paul had no patience for legalists, but his guiding principle was always love for the 'weaker brother'
- b. *"The truly emancipated soul is not in bondage to his own emancipation."* - F.F. Bruce

Application: Has our discipleship progressed to the point where we can place the interests of others before our own liberty? Can we love those who treat us with contempt?

Sermon Notes: