

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 8, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Romans 12:1-2

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

'REACHING UP' - GENUINE WORSHIP

Final Song

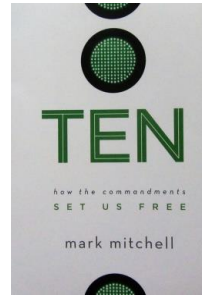
Benediction

A 'Living Sacrifice'

"How is the body to become a sacrifice? Let the eye look at no evil thing, and it has already become a sacrifice. Let the tongue say nothing filthy, and it has become an offering. Let your hand do nothing evil, and it has become a whole burnt offering. But even this is not enough, for we must have good works also. The hand must do alms, the mouth must bless those who curse it, and the ears must find time to listen to the reading of Scripture. Sacrifice allows of no unclean thing. It is the first fruits of all other actions."

- John Chrysostom (349 - 407 AD)

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



Ten: The Ten Commandments are not old-fashioned or outdated - they are God's way of showing us our sin, keeping us on track, and helping us fix our eyes on Him. Take a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. As we embrace God's law and the gospel of grace, we can walk the path of true freedom

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday** Evans, Jim & Daniella
 Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan
- Tuesday** Fidler, Gail
 Bella, Kayla
- Wednesday** Furry, Pam
- Thursday** Gagnon, Denise
- Friday** Gibbs, Linda
- Saturday** Gilbert, Roger & Natasha
 Abigail, Sabrina

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Hopeful Hearts – 12:00 pm
Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Friday: Youth Group – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

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

Membership: The Elders would like to present the following individuals with the recommendation that they be received into membership: Terry & Pam Blanchard, Joelle Lehoux, Nick Sarides, Joan Walton. We will officially affirm new members on January 22nd. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Pastor John or one of the other Elders.

Small Group Studies: Here at Rosedale we have a number of Bible study groups meeting throughout the week. Small group studies are an excellent way for you to get to know people in the Church and to grow in your relationship with Christ. If you would like to join a small group in the new year please speak with Pastor John.

Rosedale Youth Ministry: Beginning on January 13th we will be re-launching a weekly youth program for ages 10 and up. This group will be co- led by Nick Sarides and Linda Gibbs and will meet every Friday evening at 7pm. If you'd like more information please speak with either Nick or Linda.

'Reaching Up': Worship - Romans 12:1-2

I. The Motive for Worship

- 1) Paul's Challenge: "I appeal to you... brothers"
 - a. A warm-hearted appeal to genuine worship
 - b. A command directed toward Christians
- 2) "therefore.... by the mercies of God"
 - a. Paul's ethical instruction in chapters 12-16 rests on the doctrinal foundation of chapters 1-11
 - i. Doctrine without Ethics → hypocrisy/antinomianism (lawlessness)
 - ii. Ethics without Doctrine → religious moralism/ legalism (self-effort)
 - b. Gratitude to God for His Mercy
 - i. Rescue from depravity and sin (ch. 1-3)
 - ii. Justification by faith alone through Jesus Christ alone (ch. 3-5)
 - iii. Union with Christ in His death and resurrection (ch. 6)
 - iv. Freedom from the Law (ch. 6-7)
 - v. Adoption through the Holy Spirit (ch. 8)
 - vi. Assurance of Faith/ Perseverance (ch. 8)
 - vii. God's Faithfulness to the Elect (ch. 9-11)
 - c. "your reasonable service/ worship"
 - i. "reasonable" = *logikos*
 - ii. Failure to worship is irrational/ illogical!

Application:

- A lack of holiness in our lives, and a lack of passion for God always results from a failure to contemplate God's mercy in salvation. Allow the Biblical doctrines of God's grace in Jesus Christ to ignite and fuel your worship of God and your pursuit of holiness.

II. The Manner of Worship

- 1) The Use of Your Body
 - a. 'Presented' to God
 - i. Verb translated 'present' carries a priestly overtone (*cf.* 1 Peter 2:4-5)
 - ii. Every believer is a priest

- b. A 'Living Sacrifice'
 - i. Paul is contrasting this 'living sacrifice' with animal sacrifices in the Old Covenant
 - ii. Only Jesus' sacrifice can atone for our sin
 - iii. 'Living sacrifice' implies something that is continually offered to God (*cf.* Heb 13:15-16)
 - c. A 'Holy' and 'Acceptable' Sacrifice
 - i. Christians have redeemed souls in unredeemed bodies (*cf.* Romans 8:23)
 - ii. God cares about how we use our bodies (*cf.* Rom 6:12-14; 1 Cor 6:12-20; 9:26-27)
- 2) The Use of Your Mind
- a. Conformation
 - i. We are conformed to the sinful pattern of this world by setting our minds on the things of this world (*cf.* Romans 8:5-6)
 - ii. A worldly mind is darkened and controlled by sin (*cf.* Ephesians 4:17-19)
 - b. Transformation
 - i. We are transformed by 'renewing our minds' (ie. setting our minds on the things of God - *cf.* Col 3:1-4; Phil 4:8; 2 Cor 3:18)
 - ii. Greek verb is in the passive form:
 - Our responsibility: renewal of the mind by saturating it with God's truth
 - God's responsibility: transformation of behaviour through the Holy Spirit
 - iii. Result of a transformed mind is the ability to discern/ approve God's perfect will

Application:

- True worship goes far beyond our activities on Sunday morning, important as that is for our spiritual growth. The worship God desires from His people concerns the way we use our body and our mind 24/7
- You will not worship God rightly if your mind is worldly. Regenerate Heart → Renewed Mind → Transformed Behaviour → Consecrated Body → Reasonable Response to God's Mercy and Grace!