

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday May 28, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:16 – 4:5

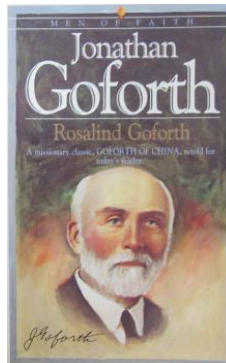
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

A BIBLICAL VIEW OF SELF AND OF OTHERS

Final Song

Benediction

Featured in the Rosedale Library:



Jonathan Goforth (book): This biography chronicles Goforth’s amazing spiritual journey from political ambition to missionary service in China. The remarkable story of a man whose influence is still felt in China today.

Families of the Week

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

- Monday** Warankie, Diane
Peyton & Broderick
- Tuesday** Warankie, Pat & Danielle
- Wednesday** Wynema, Ron & Willie
- Thursday** Arnold, Nelson & Heather
Grace, Michael, Elizabeth
- Friday** Arthurs, Gary & Bonnie
- Saturday** Bellingham, John & Leslie
Daniel, Christina, Carey

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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“In Christ the Corinthians already have everything for which they’ve been striving. They don’t have to divide over leaders because all of their leaders are gifts from God. They don’t have to demolish themselves in pursuit of the world because ‘the world’ is already theirs. ‘Life’ is not something to be achieved or earned; it is already theirs. ‘Death’ is not something to be dreaded; it has already been demolished. The present and future can be fully embraced without anxiety, worry, or alarm – they are already ours! On top of this, we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us.”

- Stephen T. Um

This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Thursday: International Café – 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

Worship on the Water: The Evangelical Churches of Welland are once again partnering in a city-wide Church service that will take place on the evening of July 2nd. If you have a talent for singing and would like to be part of a mass choir please email Charmaine Stulp at stulps422@gmail.com. Choir rehearsals will be held on Monday June 12 and June 26 from 7-9pm at WellSpring Church.

Spring Cleaning: Esther Denis is organizing a Cleaning Day for Rosedale which will take place on Saturday June 10th. We will begin at 9:30am and conclude with a Pizza Lunch around noon. Please sign up in the foyer if you are available to help.

Days in the Park: Rosedale Baptist will be participating in the Rose Festival Days in the Park on June 17-18. If you would like to be part of this this community outreach opportunity please speak to Anita Nagy.

Open Arms Collection: For the month of June we will be collecting Pasta Sauce for the ministry of Open Arms.

A Biblical View of Self and Others

1 Corinthians 3:16 – 4:5

I. How to Regard Yourself – 3:16-23

- 1) View Yourself as God's Temple – vv. 16-17
 - a. In the New Covenant the Church is God's Temple (*cf.* Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:4-8)
 - i. Paul is speaking here in corporate terms. Corporately, the Church of Christ is the dwelling place for the Holy Spirit
 - ii. Later in 1 Cor 6:19-20 Paul will also apply Temple imagery to the individual believer
 - b. Those who actively try to destroy the 'Temple' will come under God's severe condemnation
 - i. A solemn warning to the schismatic Corinthians who were causing division
 - ii. A reminder that our mission is to help build the Church of Christ, not to destroy it
- 2) View Yourself with Godly Wisdom – vv. 18-23
 - a. The relentless pursuit of worldly wisdom by the Corinthian Christians was the primary source of their division and disunity
 - i. The Corinthians acted as though they belonged to certain leaders within the Church (*cf.* 1:10-17)
 - ii. Paul now reminds these Christians that the Church leaders actually belong to them along with everything else that is Christ's
 - b. Far better to appear foolish in the eyes of the world than to be foolish in the eyes of God

Application:

- Let's be sure that our motive and goal is always to build up the true Church of Christ and never to tear it down! (*cf.* Romans 16:17-18; Titus 3:9-11)
- As Christians we have been united with Jesus Christ and made joint-heirs with Him - everything that belongs to Christ also belongs to us! This glorious truth should free us from petty boasting and ungodly competition

II. How to Regard Church Leaders – 4:1-5

- 1) Church Leaders are 'Servants' and 'Stewards'
 - a. Paul has already described Himself and Apollos as '*diakonoi*' = table waiters (*cf.* 3:5)
 - b. Paul now uses two different descriptors in 4:1 to describe Church leaders – '*huperetas*' (servants) & '*oikonomos*' (stewards)
 - i. Originally '*huperetes*' referred to a galley slave who rowed in ships under the authority of the captain
 - ii. '*oikonomos*' refers to the manager of an estate. In relation to the master he was a slave, but in relation to the other slaves he was the master
 - Paul describes himself as a 'steward of the mysteries of God' – a reference to the unfolding plan of God in Scripture (*cf.* 2:7)
 - Faithful Stewardship of God's Word is the primary role of Pastors and Elders
 - iii. The main emphasis in both of these words is accountability of the servant to the Master
- 2) Church Leaders are Accountable to God
 - a. The Corinthians were judging Church leaders according to worldly standards rather than Biblical standards (*cf.* 1 Timothy 5:19-20)
 - b. The Corinthians were judging inner motives
 - i. It is impossible to judge what we cannot see
 - ii. Only on the Judgment Day will our motives be perfectly exposed and evaluated by God.

Application:

- Do you evaluate Pastors and Church leaders on the basis of their faithfulness to God's Word or on some other criteria that is not found in Scripture?
- As Christians we should avoid judging what we cannot clearly see. To judge the inner motives of another believer is to put yourself in the place of God.
- Sound Biblical judgment is required to build and protect the Church, but needless fault-finding always tears it down. Be sure to understand the difference!