

Sunday, September 29, 2013

NOTES

Horizontal lines for taking notes.

Upcoming Events at MCO: 10/06/2013: Tony Howson, an Apostle from Wrexham, UK (Wales) will be joining us Sunday morning. His heart is to see people released into their God-given gifts and callings. We're having a pot-luck luncheon immediately following service. Bring your yummys! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate! Invite a friend!

Sunday AM
9:45 – 10:00 AM
Church-wide Prayer
10:00 AM
Worship & The Word
MCO meets in the
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday PM
7 PM – 9 PM
Church-wide Prayer
We meet in our church
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on the left of the front building
next to the Fellowship Hall

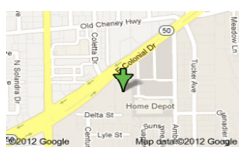
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AROUND the World – PRAY today

Prayer Focus: Christ For All Nations – Good News Orlando.
Prayer is our greatest and most effective tool. Let's continue
praying for the results of Good News Orlando to be lasting.

FRUIT THAT REMAINS: "You did not choose Me, but I chose
you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and
that your fruit should remain..." John 15:16

Pray for...

- **Laborers** – "The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)
- **Souls** – loved ones, friends, neighbors – "God, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4)
- **Impacted youth** – "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as pillars, sculptured in palace style." (Psalm 144:12)
- **Church unity** – "How good and pleasant it is for brethren dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1)
- **Lasting fruit** – "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain..." (John 15:16)
- **Fellowship and discipleship** – "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19)
- **Spiritual awakening** in Central Florida and surrounding areas – "Awake, you who sleep. Arise from the deed and Christ will give you light." (Ephesians 5:14)

Remember – we must win the lost at any cost because people last forever!



It's All About Jesus!

Jesus was a man who claimed to be God. Think about this for a moment. If this were true, how would it change the way you thought, felt and lived your life?

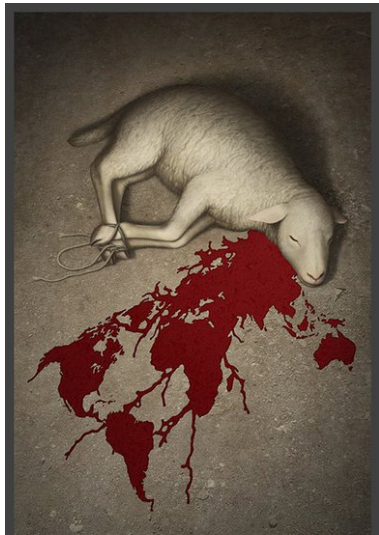
No one is more loved or hated than Jesus. This is not surprising, since He's the most famous person in all of human history. More songs have been sung to Him, artwork created of Him, and books written about Him than anyone who's ever lived. Even our calendar is based on His life, dividing time before and after Him.

Naturally, someone this important will have fans and foes. A lot of people have an idea of who Jesus is. They may get this idea from TV or movies, maybe from past church experience and Sunday school felt boards, from history books, or maybe from just hearsay. Just because we have ideas of who Jesus is doesn't mean we actually know Him.

At Missions Church Orlando, we believe that Jesus is God. We take Him at His word. Everything we do is all about Jesus. We recognize that the only way to know Jesus is to understand what the Bible says about Him, which includes what He said about Himself. We invite you to learn more about this man who is God and how you can find new life and forgiveness in Him.

Christ-Like Prayer Brings Redemption Out of Disaster

By Pastor Francis Frangipane



A religion without love is an abomination to God. The church needs to learn that God desires love and compassion, not merely an adherence to ritual and sacrifice.

Throughout His life, Jesus reached out to those rejected by others. He loved the outcasts, those who were despised, scorned, and excluded. Yet His practice of dining with known evildoers offended the

Pharisees, and they confronted Jesus' disciples with this question: "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?" (Matt. 9:11).

When Jesus heard their question, He answered, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. But **go and learn what this means, I desire compassion and not sacrifice, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners**" (Matt. 9:12-13).

Jesus told the religious Pharisees **to go and learn** what our heavenly Father meant when He said, 'I desire compassion [mercy], and not sacrifice.' So many today are religious without being compassionate. Compassion in the Greek language means a "yearning in the bowels." It is something that cannot be easily ignored.

Mercy Not Wrath

The church was created not to fulfill God's wrath, but to complete His mercy. **True prayer is born of love and comes in the midst of sin and need. It comes not to condemn, but to cover.**

Jesus said His Father's house would be a "house of prayer for

all the nations" (Mark 11:17). Consider passionately this phrase: "prayer for." Jesus taught His disciples to "pray for" those who would persecute or mistreat them (Matt. 5:44). When Job "prayed for" his friends (Job 42:10), God fully restored him. We are to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Ps. 122:6), and "pray for" each other so that we may be healed (James 5:16). Paul wrote that God "desires all men to be saved" (1 Tim. 2:4). Therefore, he urged "that entreaties and prayers be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (vv. 1-2).

The nature of our calling is to pray for people in difficulty, in sin, in sickness, and in need of God.

Conformed to the Image of God

Consider this: **the only being in the entire universe worthy to "open the book" and release God's wrath on sin is the very One in all the universe least likely to do so. His commitment to man's redemption was a total sacrifice, an offering that abides eternally at God's throne.** Yes, He is the lion of the tribe of Judah, but He is also the Lamb slain for men's sins. He is the only One to whom authority is given to open the book of divine wrath (see Rev. 5).

Because Christ paid the highest price for redemption, we can be confident that He will not release divine fury until He fully exhausts divine mercy. Even then, when His judgments finally come, they will continue to be guided by His motive of mercy, giving time for sinners to repent.

God's Word tells us plainly, "As He is, so also are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). Our pattern is the Lamb. Our goal is not merely the exposure of sin but also the unveiling of the sacrifice for sin. Our great commission is to bring healing and the message of God's mercy to the nations. Until Christ breaks the seals that ultimately will lead to wrath, we must stand in intercession before God as ambassadors of the Lamb.

May the Lord give us a clear vision of this truth: **intercession is the essence of Christ's life.** Not only is He now at the right hand of the Father interceding for us (Rom. 8:34), but His coming to earth and dying for sins was one extended act of intercession.

Jesus beheld the depravity of mankind's sin. He examined it carefully in all of its offensiveness, perversity, and repulsiveness. Yes, He rebuked it when necessary, but the wonder of the Gospel is that, in spite of mankind's sin, God so deeply loved the world that He sent His Son to die for us (John 3:16-17).

We are called to follow this same amazing pattern of mercy.

We are not minimizing sin when we maximize Christ's mercy. **There is a difference between whitewashing sin and blood-washing it.** The reality that compels God's heart -- that is an underlying principle of life -- is "*mercy triumphs over judgment*" (James 2:13). To live a life of mercy corresponds perfectly with God's heart. **Mercy precisely fulfills the divine purpose: to transform man into the Redeemer's image.**

Prayer Starter

Matthew 6:10,13 NKJV

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven... For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- Holy God – Your love changes everything
- It is Your goodness that draws me to You
- I am my Beloved's and He is mine
- Come into Your garden and take delight in me
- You came to save, to redeem, to restore
- You didn't come to judge, You came to give mercy
- O praise the One who paid my debt and raise this life up from the dead
- I love the revelation of You Jesus
- I love the light – I love living in the light
- No longer walking in darkness but embracing the light
- Hating the deeds of darkness, those things that separate me from You
- Come shine on me O light of God, shine Jesus shine
- The love inside of You, so pure, so right
- It fills all of heaven with its light
- Lord of Glory, King of the Ages, shine on!

