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IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Sylvia Renee Turner*

Sunrise - December 28, 1959 Sunset - January 4, 2026

A homegoing celebration for Sylvia Renee Turner took place on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, Rosenberg, TX, Rev. Chris Jones, Pastor. The beautiful celebration was officiated by Pastor Jones whose sermon topic coming from the book of Hebrews about having "real faith" led the congregants into a spirited hour of praise, worship, and thanksgiving to Almighty God! Many in attendance proclaimed that WE HAD CHURCH TODAY!

The daughter of Edward Turner, Sr., (deceased), and Mary Turner, longtime residents of Rosenberg, TX, along with their other children - Mable, Frenchelle, and Edward, Jr., Sylvia Turner was born on December 28, 1959. She lived a life defined by strength, dedication, and an unmistakable spark that drew people to her

wherever she went. She pursued higher education at Texas Southern University and later the University of Texas, earning her Bachelor of Science and working as a Records Administrator. In 1982, Sylvia began her career serving veterans, working under Dr. Michael E. DeBakey through the Veterans Affairs system, where she devoted decades of service with pride, professionalism, and compassion. From her early days as a homecoming queen, cheerleader, and track athlete, to her impactful career in healthcare, Sylvia carried herself with confidence and purpose. She was hardworking, determined, and never allowed anyone to define her limits. She was fiery, outspoken, and full of life - and even in her final days, she remained spunky and strong-willed. Sylvia had a rare gift: she made friends everywhere she went. People gravitated toward her energy, her humor, and her honesty.

She was a caretaker by nature, always ensuring everyone around her was taken care of - even when she didn't have to be. Beneath her bold spirit was a deeply loving heart, one that gave freely and fiercely to those she loved. She will be remembered as a pearl - polished by life, radiant in spirit, and unforgettable in presence

Just A Few Precious Memories From the Life of Sylvia Renee Turner whose love for her family, her church, and her profession has left a treasure cove of memories that will be shared for many years to come



Sylvia And The Lamar CHS Cheerleaders



Sylvia With Mother, Nieces, And Great Nieces



Sylvia At Home With Mother And Sisters During Holidays



Sylvia At Home With Mother And Aunt Robbio



Sylvia At Mt. Vernon MBC With Family



Sylvia & Edward Turner And His Three Little Girls



Sylvia At Christmas Celebration At Mother's House



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For those of you that dared to read pass the title, I need to let you know right out the gate that although I will be referencing attire, I am not referring to what some may think. In fact, let's get on with it. David is best known for two incidents in the Bible. One he could be proud of; the other he could not be so proud of. For the sake of our time today, we are going to focus on the one that he could be proud of and that would be non-other than his bout with the gigantic Goliath of Gath. The scene picks up with Goliath taunting the Israelite army for forty days. Daring them to send just one man to fight him; and if he should defeat Goliath, then the Philistines would become their servants. But if Goliath defeats their representative; then Israel would become servants to the Philistines. While that may sound very impressive not to lose many lives in battle, perhaps just losing one in a major battle might make more common sense. That is, if both sides agreed to the proposal. And there is no indication that either side would or did. But Israel was not really focusing on that part of the equation at the time. They were busy being intimidated by Goliath's size. By the way, have you ever been so intimidated by the size of something that you didn't bother to even read the small print?

TAKE THEM OFF

David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So, David took them off. - 1 Samuel 17:39b (NKJV)

BY APOSTLE E. BURTON

already dealt with and the LORD had delivered him on every occasion. Never let others determine what you can't do when they have no idea of what you have already been through.

After Saul realize that he could not discourage David from answering Goliath's challenge, he then proceeds to give what he thought was helpful advice to assist David



in fighting Goliath. He recommended David to place on the King's armor. Question, what advice, or supposedly helpful tools have others tried to place on you to accomplish your God given assignment? Better yet, what is it that you are still wearing that others have placed on you which have made you believe that you needed it to accomplish the task before you. Maybe, they placed their fear and their doubt on you and you are still wearing it. Maybe, it was an abusive attitude that you believed that you had to have to get the respect of others. Or, was it that "get over mentality" that you have been wearing that says you have to always look out for number 1? Could it also be that mean look that you display to every person you meet to let them know that they don't want to rub you the wrong way; or else, they will experience your wrath? And then maybe it was this, it was something that you have been told all your life and it has you thinking that you will never succeed unless you do this or have that. While there are some essentials that you need to face potential difficulties in life; if I were you, I would rely more heavily upon what God has given you to get the victory in the past, than what others say you need right now. So, what should do with what others are giving you that you know you have no idea how it works? Do with it exactly what David did; take them off! Just know that everyone will not be able to go with you to the next dimension that God is taking you. So, whatever they have put on you that you already know you can't wear in the next dimension or life situation; TAKE IT OFF!

Well, this intimidation by Goliath had been going on for 40 days with no response from anyone in the Israeli camp. Not even Saul, who just happens to be the king, he is also the tallest man in the Israeli camp. After 40 days of challenging the army of Israel, I'm sure that Goliath was thinking that no one was going to take up his challenge. Little did he know that on that 40th day, David just happens to be visiting the Israeli camp and overheard his dare and was making plans to accept Goliath's challenge. Well, when King Saul heard that David was making plans to accept Goliath's challenge, he first tried to discourage David by reminding him of Goliath's size and his expertise in war. That's when David gave his testimony of what he has

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR JANUARY 2026

WITH SIS. JEANETTE WASHINGTON



Sis. Jeanette Washington

Pray alone in your prayer closet; pray daily with your husband or wife; have family altar prayer; pray with a brother or sister in Christ Jesus early in the morning/evening; pray with a small prayer group in person or via phone! But pray! Pray! Pray!

MATTHEW 24:4-14

- 4* Jesus said to them in reply, "See that no one deceives you.
- 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many.
- 6b You will hear of wars* and reports of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for these things must happen, but it will not yet be the end.
- 7c Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be famines and earthquakes from place to place.
- 8* All these are the beginning of the labor pains.
- 9*d Then they will hand you over to persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name.
- 10 And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another.
- 11 Many false prophets will arise and deceive many;
- 12 and because of the increase of evildoing, the love of many will grow cold.
- 13e But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.
- 14f And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations,* and then the end will come.

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1) Mr. Richard Batts, Veteran, Master Electrician, Businessman, And Civil Rights Leader
2) Rev. Robert Simpson, Jr., Pastor of Pilgrim Journey BC
3) Rev. Thomas L. Murray, Pastor, New Life BC
4) Rev. Curtis & Mary Lucas and Family celebrate their 17th year of ministry to the Mount Carmel BC
5) Rev. Deborah Prihoda, Pastor, Assembly of God Church, Rosenberg
6) Rev. & Sis. A. J. Watkins
7) Pastor Charles E. Perry, Jr., and First Lady Charlotte Perry lead the Word Of Restoration Christian Fellowship
8) Daisha Kiser, a graduating senior, is Crowned 2009 Ms. Kemper High School
9) Rev. & Sis. C. L. Wallace, Pastor of Mother Zion MBC, Wharton, celebrates silver anniversary
10) Pastor Robert & Linda Delgado celebrates 20th

Anniversary at All Nations Worship Center
11) Dr. T. L. & Helen Richardson are honored by the New Hope MBC family for 20 years of service to their church and community
12) Rev. Lee Nelson Jones captures the hearts of the young people of Brookshire, TX, in his exciting Sunday Night Live
13) Marcus McLamore is named principal of Eagle Lake Intermediate School for 2009 - 2010 year
14) Mother Gloria Jones of True Gospel Holiness Church
15) Pastor & Sis. Richard Booker, Little Zion MBC, Kandleton, are honored for 34 years of service
16) Whitney Grogan receives high honors in track & field at Cinco Ranch High School
17) Rev. Mitchell Harrison, ex-slave and founder of several black Baptist Churches in Victoria County, honored

by Palestine MBC
18) Brookshire Police Chief Joe Projean, a pioneer in law enforcement
19) Rev. & Sis. Amos Jones honored for 36 years of faithful service to Friendship BC
20) Rev. & Sis. Keris Martin honored on their 35th anniversary as pastor and first lady of the Pleasant Green MBC, Richmond
21) Pastor & Sis. Lee Jones, Jr. honored on their 31st anniversary as pastor and first lady of the St. Paul MBC, Brookshire
22) Dr. Richard and Sis. Sundrell Rose honored on their 37th anniversary as pastor and first lady of the Holy Trinity MBC
23) Demetrius D. Peacock, of the Wharton Wave Track Club, completed in the AAU National Junior Olympics
24) Dr. & Sis. A. L. Curry celebrated their 35th anniversary at Nazareth BC
25) Mr. Robert and Mrs. Judy Brown

of Rosenberg, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary
26) Rev. Obio Rhodes gives special address during dedication services for their new district association building
27) Mr. Jason Trevino receives special awards from O.C.O.R. TYME Rent to Own
28) Adrian Davis, former Terry High School football player, is currently playing for the Arkansas Razorbacks
29) Rev. & Sis. R. L. Davis, Jr., Pastor of the Willowridge BC, Stafford, honored for 25 years of service
30) Sis. Shirley Jones at the A. W. Jackson High School Reunion
31) First Lady Rose Branch of St. Paul MBC, Brookshire
32) Rev. & Sis. E.M. Phillips, Pastor, New Prospect MBC, Needville, honored for their 39 years of service
33) Ruby and Sammy Miller of Miller-Josay Mortuary

LLC, in Ballville
34) Bishop Blaise Polk, Pastor, Greater Power BC, Plak
35) Dr. Stanford Simmons, President of Bayridge Christian College, Kandleton, recipient of the Ever Ready Lodge #106 Trailblazer Award
36) Dr. Barry Black, the first African-American chaplain to the United States Senate, speaks at Pine Forge Academy Foundation
37) Mrs. Brenda Watkins-Edwards, first lady of Greater New Prospect MBC, Needville
38) Sha'Terra Destini Johnson received a Bachelor of Science degree
39) Isquizz Rogers of Oregon State University in his second season of college football
40) Anthony Bocerra of The Lord's Kitchen pictured with Daman Frank of The Church Of Living Waters during Operation-Give Thanks

HOW WILL SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY BE CELEBRATED IN JANUARY 2026?

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SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE
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THE HISTORY OF SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation on January 13, 1984, designating Sunday, January 22, 1984 as National Sanctity of Human Life Day, noting that it was the 11th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, in which the Supreme Court issued a ruling that guaranteed women access to abortion.[1] President Reagan was a strong anti-abortion advocate who said that in Roe v. Wade the Supreme Court "struck down our laws protecting the lives of unborn children".[2]

Reagan issued the proclamation annually thereafter, designating Sanctity of Human Life Day to be the closest Sunday to the original January 22 date.[3] His successor, George H. W. Bush, continued the annual proclamation throughout his presidency.[4] Bush's successor, Bill Clinton, discontinued the practice throughout his eight years in office, but Bush's son and Clinton's successor, George W. Bush, resumed the proclamation and did so every year of his presidency.[5]

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) will primarily be celebrated on January 18, 2026, which is the third Sunday of the month. While the official national day is Thursday, January 22, 2026, most churches observe the occasion on the surrounding Sundays (January 18 or January 25).

Churches and pro-life organizations will celebrate through the following activities:

Church Services and Spiritual Observances

- **Special Sermons:** Pastors use this day to preach on the biblical value of life from conception to natural death.
- **Prayer and Reflection:** Congregations will hold prayer

vigils to mourn lives lost to abortion and pray for families, pregnant women, and the pro-life movement.

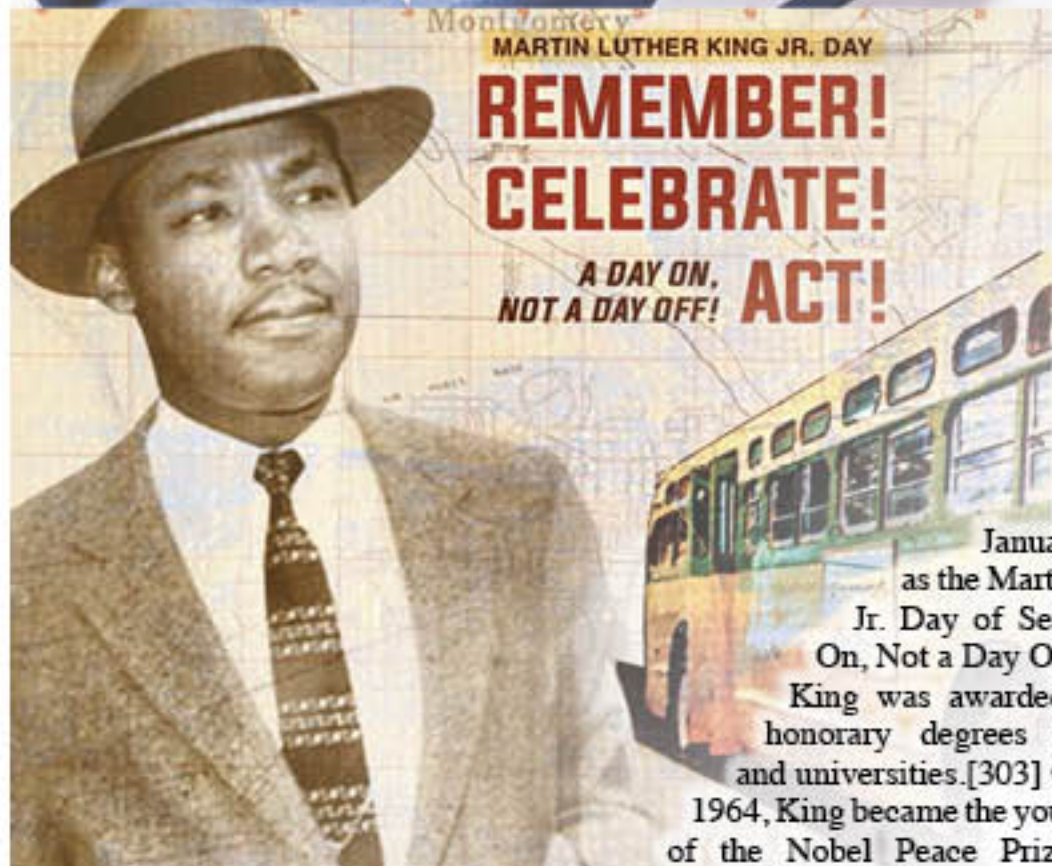
- **Masses and Processions:** The Catholic Church will observe a Respect Life Mass on January 18 and a pro-life rosary procession on January 17.
- **Educational Videos:** Many churches show training or testimony videos during services to explain the impact of abortion and promote a "culture of life".
- **Community Support and Fundraising**
- **Pregnancy Center Partnerships:** Churches often invite representatives from local pregnancy centers to speak or set up displays to raise awareness for their services.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** A common fundraiser where congregants fill baby bottles with change or donations to support local life-affirming ministries.
- **Donation Drives:** Collecting essential items for newborns and mothers, such as formula, baby clothes, cribs, and blankets.
- **March for Life:** The national March for Life in Washington, D.C., is scheduled for Friday, January 23, 2026.
- **9 Days for Life:** A novena of prayer and action organized by U.S. bishops, running from January 16 to January 24, 2026.
- **Local Marches:** Communities may host smaller "mini-marches" or prayer walks to local facilities at the end of the month.

THEMES AND RESOURCES

- Lutherans For Life has designated the 2026 theme as "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made".
- Baptist and Anglican organizations provide specific preaching guides, bulletin inserts, and Sunday School lesson plans titled "Imago Dei" (Image of God).

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

ON JANUARY 19, 2026



On January 19, 2026, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will mark the 30th anniversary of the National Day of Service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage

Let no man
pull you low
enough
to hate him.

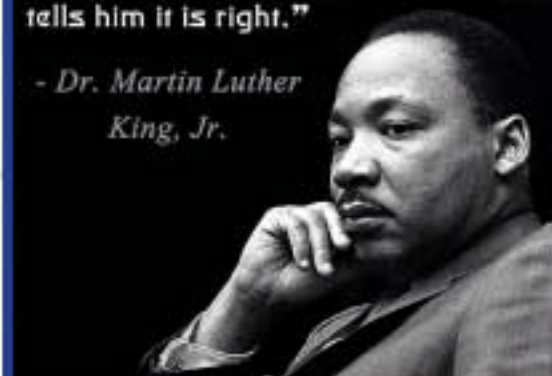
Martin Luther King

all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Americans celebrated the first official Martin Luther King Day, which is the only federal holiday commemorating an African American, on Monday, January 20, 1986. In 1994, Congress designated the holiday as a National Day of Service and marking the third Monday in

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



January every year as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - a "Day On, Not a Day Off."

King was awarded at least fifty honorary degrees from colleges and universities.[303] On October 14, 1964, King became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, which was

awarded to him for leading nonviolent resistance to racial prejudice in the U.S.[304] In 1965, he was awarded the American Liberties Medallion by the American Jewish Committee for his "exceptional advancement of the principles of human liberty". Also in 1966, King was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.[310] In November 1967 he made a 24-hour trip to the United Kingdom to receive an honorary degree from Newcastle University, being the first African-American to be so honoured by Newcastle.



[311] In a moving impromptu acceptance speech,[312] he said There are three urgent and indeed great problems that we face not only in the United States of America but all over the world today. That is the problem of racism, the problem of poverty and the problem of war. Dr. King advocated for

nonviolent resistance to overcome injustice as a means of lifting racial oppression. He created change with organized sit-ins, marches, and peaceful demonstrations that highlighted issues of inequality. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and father by entering the ministry to become a Baptist minister. On April 4, 1968, at the age of 39, he was assassinated in Memphis,

We remember Dr. King as a husband, father, friend, and fierce advocate for the betterment of all people. Honor his memory by organizing, volunteering, and spreading the word.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
1929-1968

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Remember to MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF, for you and those around you.

Through our scientific and technological genius, we have made of this world a neighborhood and yet we have not had the ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood. But somehow, and in some way, we have got to do this. We must all learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. ... This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured.

(From "Resolving Awake Through A Great Revolution")

Martin Luther King Jr.

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- Rev. Dr. E. S. Branch Memorial**: 30th Anniversary, North Scholarship Banquet, January 17, 2025 at 7 PM.
- Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church**: THE 41ST Anniversary Celebration, Rev. Dr. C. L. Walker & Wife.
- Grove Hill**: 1996-2025, PASTOR Derrick Blount's 29th ANNIVERSARY & FAMILY APPRECIATION.
- POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED**: THE 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025.
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“GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION”

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life.

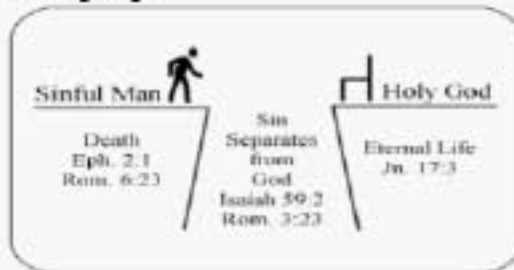
This passage tells us that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, the way to possess eternal life is to possess God’s Son. The question is, how can a person have the Son of God?

Man’s Problem SEPARATION FROM GOD

Isaiah 59:2 But your sinful acts have alienated you from your God; your sins have caused him to reject you and not listen to your prayers. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

According to Romans 5:8, God demonstrated His love for us through the death of His Son. Why did Christ have to die for us? Because Scripture declares all men to be sinful. To “sin” means to miss the mark. The Bible declares “all have sinned and fall short of the glory (the perfect holiness) of God” (Rom. 3:23). In other words, our sin separates us from God who is perfect holiness (righteousness and justice) and God must therefore judge sinful man.

Habakkuk 1:13a You are too just to tolerate evil; you are unable to condone wrongdoing.



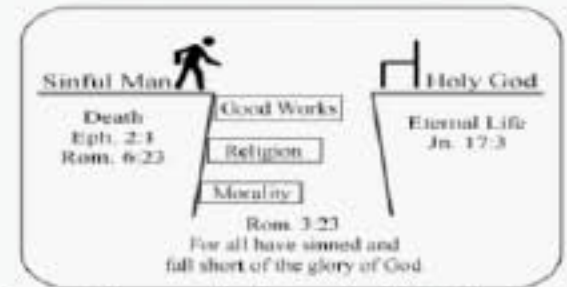
THE FUTILITY OF OUR WORKS

Scripture also teaches that no amount of human goodness, human works, human morality, or religious activity can gain acceptance with God or get anyone into heaven. The moral man, the religious man, and the immoral and non-religious are all in the same boat. They all fall short of God’s perfect righteousness. After discussing the immoral man, the moral man, and the religious man in Romans 1:18-3:8, the Apostle Paul declares that both Jews and Greeks are under sin, that “there is no one righteous, not even one” (Rom. 3:9-10). Added to this are the declarations of the following verses of Scripture:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 it is not of works, so that no one can boast.

Titus 3:5-7 he saved us, not by works of righteousness that we have done but on the basis of his mercy, through the washing of the new birth and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us in full measure through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 And so, since we have been justified by his grace, we become heirs with the confident expectation of eternal life.

Romans 4:1-5 What then shall we say that Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh, has discovered regarding this matter? 2 For if Abraham was declared righteous by the works of the law, he has something to boast about (but not before God). 3 For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, his pay is not credited due to grace but due to obligation. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in the one who declares the ungodly righteous, his faith is credited as righteousness.



No amount of human goodness is as good as God. God is perfect righteousness. Because of this, Habakkuk 1:13 tells us God cannot have fellowship with anyone who does not have perfect righteousness.

In order to be accepted by God, we must be as good as God is. Before God, we all stand naked, helpless, and hopeless in ourselves. No amount of good living will get us to heaven or give us eternal life. What then is the solution?

God’s Solution

God is not only perfect holiness (whose holy character we can never attain to on our own or by our works of righteousness) but He is also perfect love and full of grace and mercy. Because of His love and grace, He has not left us without hope and a solution.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the good news of the Bible, the message of the gospel. It’s the message of the gift of God’s own Son who became man (the God-man), lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sin, and was raised from the grave proving both the fact He is God’s Son and the value of His death for us as our substitute.



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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Teachers Meeting (TUES)	6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehears (TUES)	7:30 p.m.
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Thursday: Inspirational Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Combined Choir Rehearsal	7 am
Saturday: Olive Mission Society (1st Sunday)	10 am
Brotherhood (1st Sunday)	10 am
New Member Orientation	10 am
Youth Bible Study	12 pm
Sunday: Church School	9 am
Morning Worship	10 am

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Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (MON)	7:30 p.m.
Brotherhood (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Jr. Mission (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Sr. Mission (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (THURS)	7:30 p.m.
Teacher Meeting/Bible (THURS)	8:00 p.m.
Bible Study (FRI)	7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Nite Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sr. Choir Rehearsal (TUES)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer/Teacher Meeting (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal (THURS)	7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service	11 AM
Sunday Worship Service at FACEBOOK LIVE @ https://www.facebook.com/NewmanChapelUMC/	
Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wed.)	6 PM

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theSermon



Rev. Matthew Jones

I can't believe I did such a thing. How could I do such a thing? He said I was going to do it, but I didn't believe him. I just could not have imagined I would ever do such a thing. I am so embarrassed and ashamed. I have made such a fool of myself. How can I ever show my face in public again? What will my friends and companions think of me now? Will they ever accept me back into their fellowship or forgive me? More importantly, will Jesus my Master and best friend ever forgive me?

These were probably some of the thoughts that entered Peter's mind immediately after he denied knowing the Lord on the night Jesus was betrayed and turned over to his enemies. To refresh our memory, when our Lord was betrayed by Judas and turned over to his enemies in the Garden of Gethsemane, the other disciples forsook him and fled. According to Matthew and John's Gospel accounts, Peter had made an effort to defend the Master by cutting off the ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest. And as our Lord was led away by the mob that had come to arrest him, Peter followed him, but at a distance.

While our Lord was being questioned and tried in the residence of the high priest, Peter was standing outside in the crowd warming himself by the fire when someone accused him of being a follower of Christ. Peter promptly denied knowing Jesus. Later on someone else identified Peter as a disciple of Jesus, and again he promptly denied knowing Jesus. Yet a third time Peter was identified as a follower of Jesus, and for the third time he denied knowing Jesus. According to some accounts Peter cursed and swore that he did not know Jesus. According to Luke's Gospel, at the very moment of his third denial, Jesus turned and looked directly at Peter. Then Peter remembered our Lord's prediction that before the cock crowed that very day Peter would three times deny knowing the Lord. Then Peter immediately went off by himself and wept bitterly.

I would imagine that the night of his denial of Jesus was the worst and loneliest night that Peter ever spent in his life. He had before made a number of blunders and had embarrassed himself on any number of occasions. Even a casual reading of the Gospels reveals Peter's inclination to have foot-in-mouth disease. However, all his efforts, faults, and failures notwithstanding, his denial of Jesus was by far his most grievous, embarrassing, and shameful act.

During the course of our lives we all make a number of mistakes, any one of which could wreak havoc with our lives and our

faith. There are some things that stand out as the most embarrassing and shameful that, more than all the others, have the potential to wreck our faith, our lives, our careers, our families, our marriages, and our relationships. Some wounds cut more deeply than others. Some exposures cause more embarrassment than others do. Some things, if they were

Don't Let Anything Stop Your Growth

PART 1

by Rev. Matthew Jones

Scripture References: St. Mark 16:1-7; St. Luke 24:28-35)

to come to the light of day, would cause more shame than others would. Some things seem almost unforgivable and unrecoverable in the sight of others if they were ever discovered.

How do you continue to hold your head up and continue to function as a husband, wife, friend, father, mother, sister, brother, minister, Pastor, teacher, doctor, lawyer, social worker, professional, or president when you have been caught in the "cookie jar" and everybody knows it? How do you continue to look people in the eye when your business is out in the street and everybody knows it? How do you relate to people knowing that they know some of your private failures but not knowing what they are thinking when they are looking at you in the eye? When the truth gets out and you cannot deny it any longer, how do you look at people in the face when you know and they know that you have betrayed their trust in you? What do you do when you feel lower than low? That was the reality Peter faced on the night in which he denied knowing the Lord.

Perhaps that was why Peter received his own personal invitation to behold his risen Lord in Mark's Gospel of the message that the angels delivered to the women who went to the tomb to anoint the body of the Lord on that first Sunday after the Lord's crucifixion. According to the text, the angels told the women to "go, tell

his disciples and Peter that (Jesus) is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." Peter's pain and shame were so deep – and God was so loving and forgiving – that the angels called his name specifically to let him know that he was forgiven, and that Jesus still loved him. And if anyone asked him how he could dare face Jesus after what he did, Peter could always say that he was there because he was personally invited to behold his risen Lord. The words of the text were also an invitation for Peter to grow beyond his shame and his pride and to maintain his place of leadership in the fellowship where he belonged.

What is significant to me is not just that Peter was personally invited to stay in the fellowship of the disciples, but that Peter accepted. And invitation, after all, is no good unless it is accepted. We know that the invitation was good and that Peter did not allow his shame to keep him away from the disciples, because that very evening of the first resurrection in Luke's Gospel we are told that two of the disciples were walking from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus, which was a few miles outside of the city. Jesus started walking with them, but they did not recognize their Lord, and as he joined their conversation beginning with Moses and the prophets, he began to teach them the things about himself found in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village, Jesus walked on ahead as if he was going on, but they urged him to stay with them for the evening. When they were at the table, Jesus broke bread, blessed it, and gave it to them.

When they saw him breaking bread at the table, their eyes were opened and they recognized him. They reflected for a moment how their hearts had been burning as Jesus talked with them on the road and opened the Scriptures unto them. Then in that same hour they returned to Jerusalem, and when they found their fellow disciples gathered together they gave them the news: "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon (Peter)!" Evidently Simon Peter had moved beyond his shame because when the Lord appeared to him he was in fellowship with the other believers.

Whoever you are and whatever your name is, you have a personal invitation from Jesus to grow beyond where you are. Whatever your background, whatever your past, no matter what mistakes you have made, hearts you have broken, hurt you have caused, or persons you have disappointed, you have a personal invitation from Jesus to grow beyond what you are. However, you are dressed, whatever your present circumstances, whatever your gender or race, you have a personal invitation from Jesus to grow beyond where you are. However well you may be doing right now, you can be doing better. Whatever accomplishments you have already achieved, I tell you that you can still accomplish more with Jesus than you can accomplish on your own. (END OF PART 1)



SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

Worship the Lord	Psalm 96
Worthy is the Lord, And Worthy to be Praised	Revelation 4
The Lord is My Shepherd	Psalm 23
The Shepherd's Judgment	Matthew 25: 31-40
A New Heaven and New Earth	Revelation 21: 1-8
I Am Coming Soon	Revelation 22: 10-21
Jerusalem	Revelation 21: 9-14
A New Heaven and New Earth	Revelation 21: 1-8
I Am Coming Soon	Revelation 22: 10-21

THANKFUL WORSHIP

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 7: 9-17

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REVELATION 7: 9-17

- 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
- 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

- 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
- 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
- 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?
- 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
- 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
- 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.



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1 large can salmon	½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. cornstarch	½ bell pepper
2 potatoes, boiled	5 tsp. yellow corn meal
½ tsp. black pepper	1 egg
½ c onions, chopped	

Combine all ingredients together; roll in corn meal as much as desired. Make into patties and cook until brown and crispy.



HAZELNUT-CRUSHED CATFISH

INGREDIENTS

6 (6 oz.) catfish fillets	1 tsp. dried oregano
1 c. fine bread crumbs	1 ½ tsp salt
1 c. finely chopped hazelnuts	½ tsp black pepper
1 c. grated parmesan cheese	1 egg lightly beaten
½ c. chopped fresh parsley	

Pre-heat oven to 450°. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Rinse catfish fillets and pat dry. Combine bread crumbs, hazelnuts, cheese, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper. Pour beaten egg into another dish. Dip fillets in egg, then in hazelnut mixture. Coating both sides thoroughly, place fillets on baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20.



TUNA-CHEESE CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

1 can (6½ oz) tuna drained	½ tsp celery salt
1 c. (16 oz) cottage cheese	¼ tsp pepper
¼ c. chopped pimento	1 cup crushed potato chips
2 tbsp chopped onion	2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

In a bowl break tuna into bite-size pieces; add cottage cheese, pimento, breadcrumbs, onion, celery salt and pepper, toss to blend. Spoon evenly into a buttered casserole; top with crushed potato chips and Parmesan cheese. Bake in a pre-heated 350° oven for 30 minutes.



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On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the executive order that declared enslaved people in the rebelling Confederate States legally free. However, the decree would not take effect until the clock struck midnight at the start of the New Year. On the night of December 31, 1862, enslaved and free

African Americans gathered, many in secret, to ring in the New Year and await news that the Emancipation Proclamation had taken effect.

The occasion, known as Watch Night or "Freedom's Eve," marks when African Americans across the country watched and waited for the news of freedom. Faith Leaders guide congregants in praise and worship. Bowing in prayer minutes before midnight as they sing out, "Watchman, please tell the hour of the night." The minister replies, "It is three Minutes to Midnight...Its one minute before New Year. It's is now midnight. Freedom has come!"

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and attacks of the "enemy" whose purpose is to "steal, kill, and destroy" all men; we thank you for granting us the protection, the blessings, and the strength we have needed to continue on. We confess we are not deserving of the least of these many blessings you have already given us; but we

surely thank you in advance for your continued mercies and grace as we journey into 2025!

Finally, Most gracious Heavenly Father, we praise your Holy name for sending our way your many men and women of God whose hearts are also determined to glorify you and to serve you in the building of your kingdom here on earth! They have willingly and sacrificially assisted us, prayed for us, encouraged us, blessed us spiritually and financially, proving that they are "truly brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus" who have been called to serve to the glory and honor of God, Almighty!

Now, Lord, let your divine and HOLY WILL be done in our daily lives to bring glory and honor to your Name. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR BOUNDLESS MERCIES & GRACE YOU HAVE ALREADY GIVEN US AND HAVE LAID IN STORE FOR US IN 2025!!!

We offer this prayer in the blessed name of Your Holy One; Jesus, the Christ, our Savior & Lord,

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