



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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APRIL 28TH, 2024

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

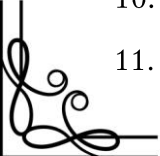

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Nehemiah, the 16th book of the Bible. **We pause our reading for a special Communion Sunday message. We will resume our reading with Nehemiah chapter eight on May 5th.***



TODAY'S SERVICE



1. Hymn #300 - "The Way of the Cross Leads Me Home"
 2. Opening Prayer, Announcements & Memberships
 3. Hymn #296 - "At the Cross"
 4. Hymn #321 - "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"
 5. Hymn #313 - "Near the Cross"
 6. Reading: **Brother Steve K.**
 7. **Message:** "Christ, and Him Crucified"
 8. Communion
 9. Hymn #286 - "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
 10. Benediction
 11. Sunday Evening Bible Study
Ecclesiastes 7:13-15
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CHRIST, *and* HIM CRUCIFIED

Communion Message *in* Knowing, Loving & Serving Jesus

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:2, ESV

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26, ESV

I. *the* BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

A. Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey: 49-52 AD

1. Acts 18:1-17
2. a church Paul spent 18 months ministering to

B. Paul Writes to Corinth from Ephesus: 53-55 AD

1. Acts 19:21-40; 1 Cor 16:9
2. a church in need of much correction

II. *the* BEAUTY & BLESSING *from* OUR TEXT 1 Cor 2:2

A. Knowing Christ Jesus, *to know nothing except Jesus Christ*

1. Heb 8:11 (Jer 31:31-34); Phil 3:10

B. Loving Christ Jesus, *and Him crucified*

1. John 3:16; 1 John 4:19

C. Serving Christ Jesus, *For I decided*

1. 2 Cor 5:14; Matt 12:32

III. *the* BEAUTY & BLESSING *from the* LORD'S TABLE 1 Cor 11:26

A. Partaking Often

1. 1 Cor 11:20
2. 1 Cor 10:31

B. Proclaiming Christ's Sacrifice

1. in love, 1 Cor 2:2b
 - a. resting in Christ Jesus for salvation
 - b. running to, with & for Christ Jesus *until He comes*

C. Preparing *for* Christ's Return

1. with determination, 1 Cor 2:2a
 - a. 1 Cor 9:24-27
 - i. run to Christ, our Prize, v24
 - ii. run with restraint (*self-control*), v25
 - iii. run with focus (*not... aimlessly*), v26
 - iv. run with purpose (*preaching*), v27

QUOTE of the WEEK

If the love of Christ constrain you it will make you love others, for his was love to others, love to those who could do him no service, who deserved nothing at his hands. If the love of Christ constrain you, you will specially love those who have no apparent claim upon you, and cannot justly expect anything from you, but on the contrary deserve your censure. You will say, "I love them because the love of Christ constraineth me." Dirty little creatures in the gutter, filthy women polluting the streets, base men who come out of jail merely to repeat their crimes, —these are the fallen humanities whom we learn to love when the love of Christ constraineth us. I do not know how else we could care for some poor creatures, if it were not that Jesus teaches us to despise none and despair of none. Those ungrateful creatures, those malicious creatures, those abominably blasphemous and profane creatures whom you sometimes meet with and shrink from, you are to love them because Christ loved the very chief of sinners. His love to you must be reflected in your love to the lowest and vilest. He is your sun, be you as the moon to the world's night.

The love of Jesus Christ was a practical love. He did not love in thought only and in word, but in deed and in truth, and if the love of Christ constraineth us we shall throw our souls into the work and service of love; we shall be really at work for men, giving alms of our substance, enduring our measure of suffering, and making it clear that our Christianity is not mere talk, but downright work; we shall be like the bullock of the burnt offering, laid upon the altar wholly to be consumed; we shall consider nothing but how we can most completely be eaten up with the zeal of God's house, how without the reserve of one single faculty we may be entirely consumed in the service of our Lord and Master. May the Lord bring us to this.

"Under Constraint" from the text, 2 Corinthians 5:14

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by **Charles Haddon Spurgeon** (1834-1892)

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This Week's Bible Portions from *Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"*

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| FAMILY READINGS | | | PRIVATE READINGS | |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| Numbers 5 | Psalms 39 | 28 | Song. 3 | Hebrews 3 |
| Numbers 6 | Psalms 40-41 | 29 | Song. 4 | Hebrews 4 |
| Numbers 7 | Psalms 42-43 | 30 | Song. 5 | Hebrews 5 |
| Numbers 8 | Psalms 44 | 1 | Song. 6 | Hebrews 6 |
| Numbers 9 | Psalms 45 | 2 | Song. 7 | Hebrews 7 |
| Numbers 10 | Psalms 46-47 | 3 | Song. 8 | Hebrews 8 |
| Numbers 11 | Psalms 48 | 4 | Isaiah 1 | Hebrews 9 |
| Num. 12-13 | Psalms 49 | 5 | Isaiah 2 | Hebrews 10 |

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