



ALLANDER EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

Monday, 20th November, 2023

Sunday Sermon: Romans 8: 31 - 39

The gospel presented by Paul to the Romans, one of which he was "not ashamed" because it is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes" speaks of transformation. Essentially it is the operational replacement of our sinful nature, and its being subject to death, with the righteous life of Jesus. *"If we were reconciled to God but the death of his Son, being reconciled we shall be saved by His life".*

Having dealt in the earlier chapters with the struggle we experience of realising this transformation, Chapter 8 opens with the assurance of "No condemnation" and presents the working of God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit in ensuring victory so that there is "No separation".

Christ is the glory of the gospel, for **he is the source of our security**. God gave Him and with Him gives us all things. Moreover, **He secures our spiritual protection and makes provision**. Jesus endured hardship for us and has destroyed the power of the evil one. And, through his resurrection, he provides all that we need for spiritual life. *"Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe"*.

Thereby **he procures our protection and peace** so that no one nor one thing can condemn us. And, through all that Christ has done and is now doing in glory **God sustains and strengthens our inseparable union** with Jesus.

But, only if we have received that gospel and definitely put our faith in its offer of full salvation.

Sunday Speakers

Our services this Sunday, 26th November, will be taken by Chris Greenhalgh from Open Doors in the morning and by Ramsay Shields in the evening.

Milngavie Lights Switch On

Sadly we are witnessing an increasing godlessness in our society with the glaring absence of any reference to the true meaning of Christmas in celebrations. Although excluded from the general festivities, the church will be open from 12 noon until 5 pm during the opening event on Saturday 25th to offer our facilities, welcome and message. Volunteers needed.

In addition we have an advert in the Community Magazine which comes out the following weekend proclaiming the message and inviting folk into our Christmas services.

Mission of the Month

In stark contrast to the hedonism prevalent around us, Release International are engaged in ministering to Christians facing persecution and oppression in troubled areas of our world. They are our Mission of the Month partners for November.

People and Prayer

At this time of year we have many of our folk to remember in prayer, such as those in Care Homes; or 'confined to barracks', not able to get out to church; those facing serious medical problems and their consequence; and those faithful ones – often unseen, but not un-noticed – who

diligently undertake the many practical tasks that keep the church activities going. We also pray for the many agencies, like Street Connect or SU locally, SAT-7 or Barnabas internationally, reaching out with God's love at this time.

What goes on at: Hashtag

#One2Seven is one of our most important outreaches and made possible by the intensive efforts of Simon and Hannah Snodgrass, ably supported by a growing team of helpers.



Something like 14 or so children meet each week arriving at 6.30 and led through a programme that looks like:
6.30-6.45pm – Games (Danny Sutherland leads this)

6.45-7.00pm – Snack time. A good time to talk to children one to one and get to know them better

7.00-7.45pm – Club time

- We always start with a song. All our songs are chosen beforehand to link into our theme or to highlight a particular truth we are teaching.
- We then pray together, sometimes we will invite one of the children to lead this which has led to some nice

moments. We normally sing a second song then

- Then we would have our Bible Lesson which lasts about 15-20mins. This year we have started with



"Beginnings" which takes us from Creation, Fall, Cain and Abel, Enoch and Noah. We will always have a "Central Truth" for each lesson

as well which we will highlight throughout Club. You can see these pinned up on the wall in the Back Hall.

- We would then have our Memory Verse.
- We end the Club with a quiz. The emphasis on quiz time is not just for fun but to reinforce and review what the children have learned.

7.45pm – Club ends

And more from Swansea

Following on from their brief account in last week's Newsletter Ava and Manuel have written an expanded report of their experience there and the example of Charles and Molly's dynamic ministry and the revitalisation that took place. Contains tributes to them. Now available in booklet form. Copies available on request.

Finally

Reading all the news about the governments around the world you realise how much uncertainty there can be when we put all our confidence and hope in human institutions, with all its intrigues and betrayals. Fortunately, as Christians we have a solid rock in the midst of the ever-moving sands around us, Jesus Christ who is enthroned at the right hand of the Father.

And by His grace we have been given new life, adopted and made co-heirs in his kingdom. Now, 'Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand.' (Colossians 3:1) As we see the uncertainty around us, let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, for it is there that we can find our solid ground.



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