

Covenant of Grace Sunday Worship September 13, 2020

Announcements



Beginning Sunday, September 13, Jim Beachley will be leading a virtual study of I & II Thessalonians as one of our Fall Adult Christian Education electives. The class will start at 9AM. Sign up for this class or other ACE electives by visiting www.cogpca.org/ace.



Missing fellowship with your church family at COG? Join a few of your COG brothers and sisters for an outdoor meal, desert, or simply a time of conversation and encouragement! Groups of no more than 3 family units will be assigned based on preferences noted on the sign-up form here: www.cogpca.org/gather.



This fall the ladies of COG will be studying the book of *Jude*. Small groups will be meeting on various days in a variety of formats. Contact Brenda Wilson @ wtwilson1@verizon.net to sign up. The study begins the week of October 5th.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jim Beachley
From Psalm 36

Leader: Your love, LORD, reaches the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;.

People: In your light do we see light.

All: Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE “Stronger”

Music Team

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder Jim Beachley

SONG OF PREPARATION “Keeper of My Heart” Praise Team
SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3:15-22 (NIV)

¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

¹⁹Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

²¹Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God?

Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²²But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.



On September 26, 2020 COG will host a clothing giveaway as a way to love our community. Please bring CLEAN adult and children's clothing to the Children's Ministry office Sundays before and after church or Tues-Fri 10am-2pm.



Secure online giving for your tithes and offerings is now available @

cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving

. Additionally, new offering boxes have been mounted near the exits to the COG Worship Center.

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MESSAGE: "LIFE BY PROMISE"

Text: Galatians 3:15-22 Pastor Mark Samuel

Introduction

Big Idea: Because Jesus secures God's promises, we can have assurance that we are accepted through faith in Him.

- I. God's promise to Abraham and his "seed"
 - a. God's promises to bless Abraham and all nations through him (v 14, Gen. 12:1-3.6. Gen.22:18)
 - b. God establishes this promise by "cutting" a covenant (v 15-17, Gen. 15)
 - c. God's promise to Abraham of blessing to the nations come through his "seed" (v 16).
- II. God's promise to Christ Jesus
 - a. How is Jesus Abraham's "seed?" (v 16, v19)
 - b. Christ Jesus secures God's covenant through obedience and sacrifice.
 - c. The blessing Christ Jesus receives: a kingdom, a people (Ps. 2)
- III. God's promise to us
 - a. Faith unites us to Jesus such that his blessing becomes ours (v 21-22)
 - b. We struggle to believe God's promise because we think it depends on us. (v18).
 - c. We can have assurance because God's promise depends only on Christ.

Conclusion

BENEDICTION

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION / REFLECTION

1. Take a moment to reflect on whether you have ever struggled with believing that God has accepted you. What was the idea that made (or Still makes) you struggle?
2. How does the truth that our salvation depends on Christ alone help us have assurance that God accepts us by faith in Him?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. If Jesus' obedience secures our salvation, what reason do we have to obey God's commands (Read Romans 6:1-4)?

NEXT WEEK:

Rev. Herb Ruby , preaching