
REDEEMER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastoral Thoughts:

Church! Here is what we will be studying this week for our Sunday morning sermon so that you can prepare. We will be covering Mark 2:1-5, which will focus our attention on Jesus healing a Paralytic.

As Mark has shown several times already in His first chapter and now even in the second, the physical act is pointing to a spiritual reality.

The miracle shown in this narrative reflects Jesus Christ's sovereign authority and deity to forgive a man of his sins. Christ's actions brought about great resentment from the religious elite of the day – the scribes and pharisees. No man had the power to absolve a sinner of his many sins against God, but Jesus did because He was the God-man.

Throughout the first half of this narrative we see the necessities of conversion: the word of God and faith. We must hear the word of God preached and taught rightly in order to come to repentance and faith, for in the word of God is the Gospel of Jesus Christ – the truth about how sinful man is made right with holy God (Romans 10:17; Ephesians 1:13; John 8:32).

We must not only hear the truth but also accept it. That is, we must trust it and place our faith in the truthfulness of the gospel; trusting that it is the gospel of our salvation (Ephesians 1:13) and the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16).

What a Savior that we serve!

One who speaks the word to us, rewards our faith, and forgives our sins. You can't have forgiveness of sins without faith and you cannot have faith without the word of God – Our salvation starts and ends with Christ!

~ Luke

Announcements:

- **ALL EVENTS THROUGH APRIL 30TH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.**
- **Membership Class:** Sunday, May 3rd, 9am at the church. Looking to officially join RBC? Here is your opportunity to become a member and learn what we as a church are all about. If Interested please sign up in the lobby at the church.
- **Friday Night Bible Study:** We will be hosting our Bible study from 7-8PM on Fridays over Zoom meeting. Please see our covid-19 statement for further details.
- **Family Worship:** We will be providing each family (with children) materials to help aid them in family worship for the days ahead. Pastor Luke will be delivering these materials to your house.
- **Covid-19:** If you or your family need resources of any kind during this time, please call Pastor Luke and let him know your needs. His number is listed below in the Prayer Requests section.

Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray for the Tomaszewski family, as Deborah's mother (Avis) is declining in health.
- Please pray for the Phil and Joy Jones and family as they are battling health concerns.
- Please pray for Emily Sabin's family as her grandmother recently passed away.
- Need Prayer? Text or Call Luke: 765-491-2694.