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Holy Scriptures for the Unholy Days

Psalm 119:1-8

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	1 Chronicles 16:8-10 (CSB)
Welcome	Joshua Lee
Adoration	This Is Amazing Grace Same God In Christ Alone
Prayer	Candy Chin
Bible Presentation	1st graders Geraldine Lee
Proclamation	Holy Scriptures For The Unholy Days Pastor Oleg Xu (Testimony by Price Stark)
Response	Goodness Of God
Offertory Prayer	Gene Yee
Announcements	Pastor Oleg Xu
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu



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Psalm 119:1-8 (NASB ‘ 95)

1 How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. **2** How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all *their* heart. **3** They also do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways. **4** You have ordained Your precepts, that we should keep *them* diligently. **5** Oh that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes! **6** Then I shall not be ashamed, when I look upon all Your commandments. **7** I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. **8** I shall keep Your statutes; do not forsake me utterly!

Notes

Sermon Discussion:

Where does happiness come from?

What does the word "blessed" and "torah" mean?

Write one of the eight Hebrew words in verses 1-8?

How does Torah connect to the Gospel of Christ?

Fill out the Hand Illustration and list the Scripture references.

Write one sentence of how you will apply today's Scripture to your life.

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

Church Growth

The term "Church Growth" is interpreted by each person. One type of church growth is a description of how the facility owned by a church body increases in size. A second type of church growth would describe an increase in the number of church members that choose to affiliate with a specific church body. Yet, the third type of church growth is the one that I wish to speak about today, spiritual maturing of God's people.

As we know, the gathering of large numbers of people is not necessarily a reflection of a healthy church body. Of course, we all desire to see the church reaching out in Christ's name and that outreach resulting in more lost persons repenting and joining in the church's ministries. Yet, the idea that a church may have activities or entertainment that attracts persons to come to a specific church body is no guarantee that true spiritual development is happening in the lives of the people. No true Christian would desire to simply flounder in his/her spiritual life when the alternative is to move gradually toward a mature follower of Christ...true?

Sometimes when we read the Biblical books of Hebrews, Romans, Revelation, Jeremiah, or others, we find ourselves a bit "swallowed up" in the depth of the teachings presented. What I want to say to us today is that this struggle for truth and understanding is OK! To wrestle with God's teachings is healthy. For us to mature in our Faith, we must cherish the opportunity to study and learn God's truth for our lives. My prayer for the people of CBC is that we may hunger, from the core of our being, to never be satisfied with anything less than true Christian growth. Let our activities be tools for outreach but never an end in themselves. Let our friends and relatives be loved by us, as Christ loves us, and let us never be guilty of just ignoring those without Christ.

Announcements

- **Deacon Ordination Service today Sun, Sept 29 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary and followed by lunch reception at 1:30 pm in the FLC.**
- **The Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS)** has been dedicated to nurturing godly servant leaders by providing them with a deep understanding of the entirety of God's Word, all sixty-six books of the Bible. Now you all have the opportunity to experience a rich education for free. If you interested, **please sign up your free course and begin your transformative journey with the DTS Global Institute by scanning QR code here**



- **Rainbow Field trip** to San Jacinto Monument on Thursday, Oct 3. Cost \$15/person. RSVP with Dorothy Chow at dorothy8chow@gmail.com.
- **Standard IT Platform training** is open to everyone who wants to join and learn about the new file storage procedure for church and committee documents using the approved platform. Tools and Apps of the platform will also be covered, the last training date will be Sun, Sunday, Oct 6, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm via google meet. For more details, contact Winsor Lim or Nancy Ngao at computersupport@cbchouston.org.
- **Adult Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, Oct 6 at 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm in the Choir Room.** Rehearsals will be held each Sunday until Christmas Sunday, Dec 22, 2024. To join, please contact Margie Joe (margie@cbchouston.org). Come let us proclaim the joyous birth of our Lord, Jesus!
- **Brownsville Mission Trip canceled**, instead there is a missions training opportunity at Wilcrest Baptist Church called "Who Is My Neighbor?" from Friday, Oct 11 and Sat Oct 12. It will help us achieve a similar purpose, of learning to engage the unreached groups living around our communities for the sake of the gospel. If anyone is interested, please register at <https://www.ubahouston.org/events>.

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