

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: “Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.”—Psalm 48:2. **Praise God for His church. Pray** for Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church, West Lafayette, Indiana, pastored by Jared Olivetti. **Give thanks** for Miyoshi Robinson’s returning home from the hospital.

Monday: “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.”—Colossians 3:8. **Pray** that God would give you the grace to resist temptation. **Pray** for First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, including Pastor Craig Scott, and the outreach ministry.

Tuesday: “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.”—Colossians 3:9. **Pray** that you would not tell lies nor live in a deceitful way. **Pray** for Lafayette (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, as Pastor Keith Evans prepares to become a seminary professor.

Wednesday: “And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.”—Colossians 3:10. **Pray** that you would have the grace to be a new creature in Jesus. **Pray** for Marion (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastored by Jason Camery.

Thursday: “Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”—Colossians 3:11. **Pray** that you and your friends would love and embrace Christ in all of His beauty and wonder. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian congregations in Japan, as they gather for a “Christ in the Psalms” meeting on Saturday.

Friday: “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.”—Colossians 3:12. **Pray** that you would be kind, humble, meek, and patient. **Pray** for more workers for Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship.

Saturday: “Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”—Colossians 3:13. **Pray** that many people would come to church tomorrow, and that they would see being humble and forgiving towards each other. **Pray** that we would be effective in reaching our neighborhood with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

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Sunday School at 4:45 PM
Worship at 5:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 136:3

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading (p. 652)

Romans 8:28-39

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 23A

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Scripture Text (p. 618)

John 10:14-30

The Sermon

“Justification and Forgiveness”

*Prayer

*Psalm 51C

“No Sacrifice Dost Thou Desire”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12]

“Now Blessed Be Our God Alone”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3.

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”—John 10:11.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—I John 1:9.

Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

John 10:28ab “Justification and Forgiveness”

Theme: Jesus assures His followers that nothing can cause them to lose their salvation.

I. Context

A. “Tell us plainly if you are the Christ”

B. Jesus answered

II. Jesus’ Provision

A. “And I Myself”—emphatic term and position

B. eternal life

1. this is what justification is all about
2. it’s the opposite of eternal death

III. Jesus’ Promise

A. “they shall never perish”

B. why is this so?

1. because the penalty has been paid
2. the gracious purpose of God is eternal and effectual

NOTE: there are consequences to when a justified person sins

A. granted, such a person cannot fall from grace

B. but, he can fall under God’s fatherly displeasure

C. he can also lose the light of His countenance

D. sin has its consequences, even in saints

Application

A. never forget that grace, though free, is never cheap

B. never despair—as long as you look to Christ, you will always be received by the Father