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And That Rock Was Christ  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ - 1 Corinthians 10:3-4.

Paul says it so matter-of-factly: "and that rock was Christ." But what does he mean by that in this letter to the Corinthians?

The community Paul was writing to in Corinth was struggling; they were complaining and had lost focus in a way like the Israelites had done in the time of Moses (see Exodus 14-17 and 32; Numbers 20-21). But that doesn't change the fact that life was actually hard. The Israelites had no water in the desert, and the Corinthians were in the process of starting a whole new way of life. It was undeniably hard.

Yet Paul was retelling this story as kind of a gracious warning, reminding the new Christians in Corinth that even though life was hard, Christ was still in their midst, providing them with the nourishment of the Spirit, in a way like the rock in the desert quenched the thirst of the Israelites long ago.

This is an invitation for all of us to consider when things make us upset or life becomes incredibly hard or burdensome. Will we complain and grumble? Will we become cynical and resentful? Or will we trust that the one who leads us in every situation will also provide the soul-satisfying water of life through the Holy Spirit? Take time to recognize the ways that Christ, the Rock, follows you through the deserts of your life, and list the ways he quenches your thirst.

***Lord God, you never leave us or abandon us, even when our lives seem parched and dry. Soothe us with your Holy Spirit and refresh us with your never-ending love.***

Sleep Counts

The easiest way to get some sleep is to count your blessings instead of your problems.

*Happy Thanksgiving*

September Budget Report  
(5 Sunday's)

Tithes/Offerings = \$6,685.00  
Expenses = \$7,741.16

General Operating Balance as of 10/31/21  
\$45,840.72

***To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***  
***Philippians 4:20***

The writer Anne Lamott claims that a great deal of her prayer life can be summarized by the alternating prayers "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." Probably this is true of most of us. And, of course, we also need to say "Sorry, sorry, sorry" in confessing our sins. But we all recognize that we are forever bringing God our needs and then - in appropriate response - closing the loop with a prayer of gratitude.

Thanksgiving is wonderful and necessary. But so is doxology - and it's not always clear that we do much of this. Doxology is praising God for who he is. It is giving God the glory that is due Him for his radiant holiness. In thanksgiving we offer up gratitude for something we have received. But in doxology we honor the very being of God. We exalt and praise the Lord simply because He is God.

The word *doxology* comes from Greek and literally means "glory word." We see God's glory, and we speak a word of amazement as we send that glory to God.

Doxologies erupted from Paul quite often in his New testament letters - and usually near the end, as we find here in Philippians chapter 4. Doxologies of many kinds should regularly flow from our hearts and lips too!

Our glorious God is worthy of all the glory we can beam back to him!

*All glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the radiance of your holiness, the purity of your righteousness, the beauty that is simply and profoundly YOU! Amen.*



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
11/7/21

**Set your clocks BACK one hour**



- 11/10 - Jane Wohlford
- 11/12 - Samantha Medley
- 11/13 - Dianne Beck
- 11/17 - Alexandria Bricker
- 11/20 - Peyton Cornett
- 11/20 - Dianne Maxcy
- 11/25 - Robin Choplin
- 11/30 - Richard Mallery, Sr.

The 2022 Proposed Budget

Monthly needed to meet the budget \$1,910.00  
Weekly needed to meet the budget \$8,278.00  
Total yearly budget \$99,328.00  
**This was reduced by \$42,497.00 from 2021**



**Advent Starts on Sunday, November 28th**

1st Candle lit represents **HOPE**                      3rd Candle lit (pink) represents **JOY**  
2nd Candle lit represents **LOVE**                      4th Candle lit represents **PEACE**  
center White candle represents **CHRIST**

## Surrender in Thanks

Reading: Deuteronomy 32; Mark 15:26-47

*In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you - 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

What do you do when nothing but uncertainty and insecurity fill your mind? How do you overcome the sensation that your entire body is burning as a result of fear and panic? Whether we admit it or not, all of us will have to deal at times with circumstances that overwhelm us. We all go through problems that take us by surprise, come out of nowhere and make us feel trapped that we have to surrender to its way. It has been in these times that we have cried out to God from the depths of our heart, "Why?" Our thoughts range from "What have I done wrong to deserve this?" to "Where is God?" Our mind sorts through the circumstance until we are exhausted, while our body burns like a fire that melts our insides. For some of us, we share the pain we are suffering because we are searching for answers and trying to sort through our thoughts and emotions. For others, we attempt to control and mask the thoughts and emotions so no one will suspect the struggles we face.

Regardless of how we look or feel in a time of crises, we need to learn how to get through those times with the Lord. The circumstances may seem to trap us, but getting and keeping control are not the answers. The only way to find freedom when life has pinned you down and chained you in is through *surrender*.

The word "surrender" has mixed connotations. It is an easier word to accept than "submit" but it really does have the same meaning. During those times that our mouth is praying out of panic, our inward soul needs to learn to surrender and submit to the sovereign, all powerful, ever present God. In other words, your heart needs to speak words of praise and thanksgiving even though your flesh (including your mind) is pleading for God to rescue you. It is in this place of praise that an overwhelming peace begins to cover your heart, mind, soul and quenches the fire within you. To give thanks in everything is a hard action to apply. The Christian who can truly apply this principle to his or her life demonstrates a real maturity in their walk. It is in this place that the chains of oppression will be broken, setting the captive free.

**Pray about it.** *Oh Lord, teach me how to sincerely praise You in the good times so that a wellspring of thanks may truly overflow from my heart during those frightening, overwhelming trials. I want to walk in power and peace. I know that they stem from a heart of praise. Help me to have that heart of thanksgiving for everything You are doing in my life. In Jesus name, Amen.*

## Preparing to Celebrate Christ's Birth

The word Advent means arrival, and it refers to the arrival of Jesus Christ into the world. The "Advent season" usually starts four weeks before Christmas and ends with the celebration of Christ's birth. Some churches emphasize the Advent season more than others, but all Christians look forward to celebrating Christ's birth during this season of the year.

Why was Jesus' birth so important? The reason is because slightly over 2,000 years ago, God stooped down from heaven and became a human being: Jesus Christ. As the Bible says, "*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us*" (John 1:14).

Think of it: God became a man! He did it because He loves us--and that's what we should celebrate as Christmas approaches. Take time between now and Christmas to reflect on this great truth.

### **Week 1: Starting November 28th**

**Read Isaiah 9:6** - In this Scripture we find the message and meaning of Christmas. Isaiah the prophet gave five awe-inspiring names of our Lord that encourage us, thrill us and fill us with hope at this Christmas season.

1. **Wonderful.** When He did His many miracles, the Scripture says, "The people wondered." (Luke 11:14)
2. **Counselor.** The officers said, "No one ever spoke like this man!" (John 7:46)
3. **Mighty God.** He is the God-Man. He said that He and the Father are one. (John 10:30)
4. **Everlasting Father.** It was by Him, the living Word, that all things were created. He is the designer of the whole universe. (1 John 1:3; Hebrews 11:3)
5. **Prince of Peace.** There will never be lasting peace on earth until He comes again to reign in righteousness. But He is also the Prince of Peace in other ways. None can have peace with God apart from Him and the peace that He made through the blood of His cross. (Colossians 1:20)

The full meaning of these words from Isaiah should give us enough strength, hope, and joy to face any crisis, endure any sorrow and meet any temptation. How has Jesus shown you recently that He is "Wonderful, Counselor...the Prince of Peace"?