

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life with Him**.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

(John 20:19-23)
Last week's message

Of God's Peace and Presence

Jesus' second post-resurrection appearance, this time to his disciples, shows us that first, he bestowed peace on them and second, he commissioned them to continue his work through the empowerment of the Spirit. Such commission (which we know as the Great Commission in Matt. 28:18-20) defined and shaped their mission and purpose in life.

The disciples were gathered together on the evening of the day that Jesus rose from the dead. Though they had heard from Mary that the Lord had risen, none of them had seen him since he was crucified. It may have sunk in that Jesus was no longer with them in his earthly body, so they felt deeply troubled. They likely struggled with guilt for deserting Jesus when he was arrested, tried, and crucified. They feared for their lives from the Jews and so were gathered behind locked doors. It was during this very low moment that Jesus suddenly appeared among them. According to Luke's account, *they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.* (Luke 24:37)

I. Jesus gave them peace (vv.19-21a).

"Peace be with you." Jesus meant for his disciples not just to know peace but to actually experience it in Him. Jesus appeared to assure the disciples that all that had happened was in accordance with God's redemptive plan and that what he had told them about himself is true - he is the Son of God who has come to save the world; that he would die that they might have eternal life; that he would rise on the third day according to Scriptures - and those who believe in Him would also live though they die. When he had extended to the disciples His peace, *he showed them his hands and his side* (v. 20) to prove that they were not hallucinating.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you" (v.21). By repeating what he had said, Jesus wanted the disciples to remember this significant occasion when he appeared to them. They would face bigger troubles ahead when they started preaching the gospel. For indeed, peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of God.

Paul wrote about the peace of Christ in Colossians 3:15: *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.* The peace of Christ is the opposite of feeling anxious, frustrated, or troubled. It does not depend on circumstances. Such peace is given to us by Christ when we trust the promises of God to us in Christ.

II. Jesus commissioned them that shaped their purpose in life. (v. 21b)

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." Our faith directs how we view life, which in turn shapes our disposition in life. As Christ, who is in union with the Father, was sent, so the disciples who were in union with Christ were sent out to continue his work. This same is true for us who are followers of Christ. Do we know our purpose or mission in life? Do we realize that we are sent people, that we are called to participate in God's kingdom work? We cannot do this on our own but through the impartation of the Spirit, (v. 22): And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *"Receive the Holy Spirit."*



ORDER OF SERVICE

- Call to worship
- Praise and worship
- Children dismissal
- Announcements
- Sermon
- Response song
- Benediction

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... is our Sunday School ministry for kids aged 3 to 12. Through a Bible-based curriculum, we aim to inspire children to become Christ-committed followers. Sunday School lessons are easy to understand, creative, and strongly encourage parent-child interaction.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Worship service on June 11, 2017, will be held at Charis Camp and Convention Center, Chilliwack, during our IDR Family Camp. There won't be a service at Douglas College for that day.



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Prayer Request/Answered Prayer

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