

FAMILY NEWS

JANUARY 14, 2018

Madrid
CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS..."

TODAY'S SCHEDULE: 9AM



11AM



THIS WEEK'S READING:

- 1/15 - Gen 45-47
- 1/16 - Gen 48-50, Exo 1
- 1/17 - Exo 2-4
- 1/18 - Exo 5-7
- 1/19 - Exo 8-11
- 1/20 - Exo 12-14
- 1/21 - Exo 15-17

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105, ESV)

ASSEMBLY TIMES:

SUNDAY

Sermon 9:00 am
Bible Classes 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- 2/3 - Learn new songs @ the Schellekens
- 2/4 - Song Service during 9am service
- 2/10-2/11 - Bob Buchanon will be here to give an update regarding the work the church here has supported him in. He will give his report on Saturday. He will also be preaching both lessons on Sunday.
- 3/4-3/7 - Spring gospel meeting with Mark Broyles

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Larry - issue he has been having with the nerve in his face. Pray that the procedure he had would help resolve the problem.
- Franki - issues with high blood pressure
- Erb & Jan - Erb getting treatments
- Jim & Janis Anderson - comfort for Jim and strength for Janis
- Sam Davidson - God would continue to work in him and heal him.
- Sandy - lung/breathing issues
- Alicia and baby
- Bart - breathing/asthma issues. Also be praying for his family.
- Sarah Johnson - wisdom in making decisions about the future
- Evangelists we support in the U.S. and Africa (Jason, Brewer, Esrael, & others)
- Widows (Margaret, Ramona, Sandy, Renee)
- Our Shepherds as they lead and feed this flock
- Our deacons as they serve
- Spiritual growth for those who were baptized in 2017 (Sam, Kaci, Don, Eva)
- Sam Richardson
- Baby James
- Kristi Scott (Shane Scott's wife)
- Evie Graber
- Young people in school or college
- Young People dating
- Parents - wisdom in training and teaching their children and encouraging the young people
- Spiritual growth for the Christians here during 2018
- The salvation of our nation's leaders
- The lost in the towns in which we live

"I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone... This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:1, 3-4).

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TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

They Shall Be Comforted

The Blessing for "Those Who Mourn"

January 14, 2018

Today, we are going to look at the second blessing given to those who are citizens of the kingdom of God/heaven. In Matthew 5:4, Jesus says, "4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4, ESV).

I. What Is Meant by 'Comfort'?

- A. Jesus is not saying that God will make our lives _____ and _____
1. Rom 8:17
 2. Christians are the only ones in whom it can be said that even suffering and discomfort can be a blessing.
- B. God comes to our side to help and encourage no matter the circumstances. He brings comfort to our spirits.
1. The noun form of the Greek word is used elsewhere to talk about how we receive help from one another and from the Spirit.
 - a) The _____ is our Advocate/Helper/Comforter (John 14:16).

II. Who Does the Comforting? God Does.

- A. By helping us trust in Him and the hope He offers (2 Corinthians 1:3-8).
- B. He removes our sin (2 Cor 7:10).
- C. God will ultimately bring us comfort in removing all sadness and pain.

III. Who Does God Comfort?

- A. Those who _____ (Matthew 5:4)
- B. But not **all** those who mourn. He does not comfort:
1. Those who mourn because they don't get what they want;
 2. Those who mourn because of material loss or frustrated ambition;
 3. Those who mourn merely over the consequences of their sin; etc.
- C. It must be a mourning that is a _____ kind of mourning. It leads to transformation in our lives and moves us to serve others.
1. Because of their sin (2 Cor 7:9).
 2. Because of a concern for others who are sinning or suffering (2 Cor 7:6-7).

Conclusion & Application

- A. Why does God help & comfort us? (2 Cor 1:4)
- B. Do you need God's comfort?

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Are you a mourner?
 - Does your sin lead you to mourn?
 - As you see the spiritual problems of your brethren and the world, are you led to mourn in any way? Are you calloused to the spiritual (or even the physical) condition of those who are afflicted, or are you moved to compassion?
- Do you give of what you receive from God? (2 Cor 1:3-8)
- Have you thanked God recently for the comfort that He has given you and will give you in the future?

MY NOTES: