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O, the Love of God!

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God loves us so much! Do we realize **everything** He has freely given to us? We do not have to do nor are expected to do anything to receive the things God has provided for us. Jesus already paid the price! For those of you that want to challenge that statement, the only thing that is necessary to receive from God is to ask forgiveness and live according to His Will. But, He will forgive us when we sin against Him and turn back with a repentant heart intent on serving Him.

Isaiah 50:4-9 (Quoted scriptures from The Message Bible) *"The Master, God, **has given** me a **well-taught tongue**, So I know how to encourage tired people. He **wakes me up** in the morning, Wakes me up, **opens my ears** to listen as one ready to take orders. The Master, God, opened my ears, and I didn't go back to sleep, didn't pull the covers back over my head. I followed orders, stood there and took it while they beat me, held steady while they pulled out my beard, Didn't dodge their insults, faced them as they spit in my face. And the **Master, God, stays right there** and **helps me**, so I'm not disgraced. Therefore I set my face like flint, confident that I'll never regret this. My champion is right here. Let's take our stand together! Who dares bring suit against me? Let him try! Look! The Master, God, is right here. Who would dare call me guilty? Look! My accusers are a clothes bin of threadbare socks and shirts, fodder for moths!"*

Yes, Jesus was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins, beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet, the Lord laid on Jesus the sins of us all.

Isaiah 53:2-8 – *"The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried—our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him.*

He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence. Justice miscarried, and he was led off—and did anyone really know what was happening? He died without a thought for his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people. They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man, Even though he'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true."

Our God sent His Son to save us, to help us, to redeem us! We left God, quit following Him so we could do what we wanted to do. We didn't want anyone telling us what to do. But 'when we came to ourselves' we found we were still lacking, still incomplete, still unfulfilled, and still searching. God saw our sins, but He didn't dwell on them. He looked past our failures and saw our need. He chose us a long, long time ago. In Isaiah 54:9-10 is recorded God response to our failures: *"This exile is just like*

*the days of Noah for me: I promised then that the waters of Noah would never again flood the earth. I'm promising now no more anger, no more dressing you down. For even if the mountains walk away and the hills fall to pieces, **My love won't walk away from you, my covenant commitment of peace won't fall apart.**' The God who has compassion on you says so."*

Oh, to be filled with the love of God that looks past sin and sees the need. To be given a well-taught tongue that would encourage the tired people around us. How blessed to wake up in the morning with ears to hear and an urgency to obey the Lord's instructions for the day. When the task we are given is not what we expected or desired, God is right there with us! God's love is so deep, such an all-consuming fire that cleanses us from our sin. He knows our heart, knows our thoughts, and doesn't get nervous by our misguided actions. What a wonderful God we serve! Oh, how marvelous is the Savior's love for **ME**.

Inspirational Declarations

The following declarations were given to us at the close of Pastor Stephen's recent messages. Declare them, recite them, and make them a part of your daily devotions.

Declaration of Total Freedom:

"In the mighty name of Jesus—

I declare over every man, woman, and child under the sound of my voice:

This is your moment of total freedom.

Every lie of the enemy—exposed.
Every generational curse—broken.
Every stronghold—torn down.
Every demon—evicted.
Every addiction—uprooted.
Every soul tie—severed.

I speak to fear—you have no home here.
I speak to shame—your voice is silenced.
I speak to rejection—your power is broken.
I speak to depression—your grip is loosed.

The blood of Jesus speaks a better word!
The cross is enough!
The grave is empty!
The Spirit is alive!
And the freedom is permanent!

I declare:

These people will speak life with boldness,
Walk in freedom with authority,

And live delivered with power.

They are not just free emotionally—they are free spiritually.

They are not just surviving—they are thriving.

They are not who they were—they are who You called them to be.

In the name of Jesus, every chain is broken, every yoke destroyed, and every destiny restored!

Declaration of Faith: (Seal your faith—say this aloud, boldly:

"Today, I plant my life on the unshakable rock of God's faithfulness.

When storms rage, I will not waver—because I am rooted in His Word.

His promises are not maybe—they are yes and amen.

I will no longer look at my reflection through the eyes of shame—

I will see myself the way God sees me: loved, chosen, redeemed, and valuable.

His love is not seasonal—it is everlasting.

His Word is not conditional—it is eternal.

And His faithfulness is not situational—it is guaranteed.

So when I feel shaken, I will not fall.

When I feel forgotten, I will remember the cross.

When I feel weak, I will recall His record.

Because my God is faithful.

My God is good.

And He has never failed me."

And He never will.

In Jesus' name—Amen."

Rivers of Living Water Service Times

Sunday

Beginning at 9:30 – Intercessory Prayer
10 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation



Feed your Soul
every week.



Post Your Prayer Request on the Cross

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers."

I Peter 3:12



- Our PayPal account info?
- An easy way to e-mail us?
- Our messages preached at Rivers?

You can easily link to any of the above by going to our website: rolwohio.com

NOTICE!

If you would like to submit something to the Channel so **everyone is informed** about what your department is doing, you would like to share some good news, or if someone has passed away, please fill out a yellow form and give it to Cathy Sewell by **Sun., August 17.**



August 3, Rita Foster

3, Alexis Tonkin

4, Rochelle Woods

5, Domingo Hernandez

6, Rev. Angela Allicock

14, Charmine Smith

16, Auston Sewell

20, Cathy Herrera

21, Dell Kinsey

25, Essence Edwards

29, Deacon Charles Foster

30, Doris Chapman

31, Rev. Juanita Llewellyn



Aug. 21, Pastors Stephen & Natalie Dagg



What did the science book say to the math book? I've heard you have a lot of problems.

Why is Alabama the smartest state? Because it has four A's & one B.



Sign up to ride the van! Leaving at 3:30 p.m. Bring lawn chair & money for eats.

August 23, Sat., 10 a.m. Sisters in Christ

All ladies are invited to attend. At our last meeting Marie Herbst set up a free CPR, First Aid, & AED class, which was open to everyone to take the class, David & Glenda Tucker, LaTanya Edwards, Monique Smith, Taschika Edwards, Pastor Natalie, & Cathy Sewell all attended. They were blessed with an AHA certification card. We also were blessed with coffee, water, & cookies from the instructors.

If you are interested in learning these skills, watch for an announcement of a future class.





Stop disliking people over what you heard.

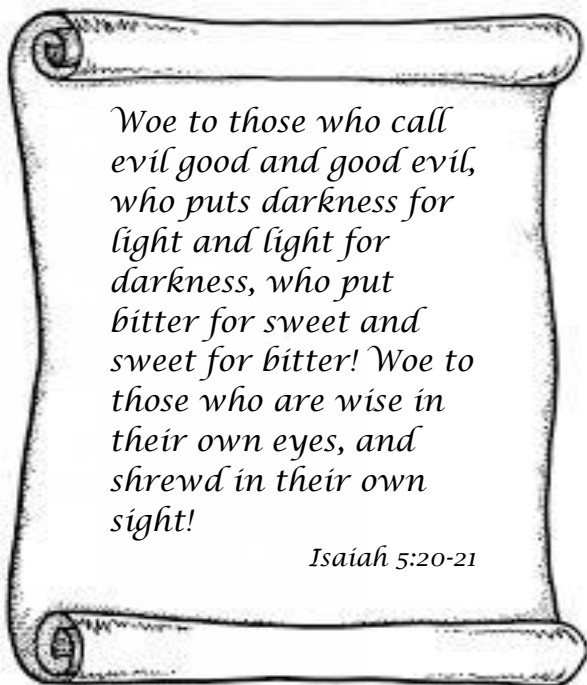
Be thankful **God** isn't disliking you for what **He** knows.



Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday
September 14**

We will have our **Annual Church Picnic**. Plan for a time of fellowship at Walsh Park. Bring a guest and something to eat. More details will be coming.



Save the Date!!

October 24-26

2025 Ministerial Summit

October 25

25th Anniversary Celebration

Informational Facts about our Anniversary Celebration

- **Needed pictures** you have taken over the past 25 years at RLW.
 - **Send them to** RLWpictures@gmail.com
- **Volunteers** to help organize the pictures we receive so we can prepare a presentation for the celebration.
- **Wear Semi-formal/formal attire**
 - Semi-formal: **Men** wear tailored suit or blazer with dress pants, & collared shirt. Ties optional
Women: Knee-length cocktail dress, mid-length skirt, or tailored suit with dress shoes.
 - Formal: **Men** wear tuxedo or dark suit with white dress shirt, tie or bow tie, and dress shoes. **Women** wear evening gown, cocktail dress, tailored suit, or skirt suit.
- **Limited tickets** are available. Purchase yours ASAP and you will receive your ticket at the door.
- No children under 8 will be in attendance.
- Pray about a love offering for Apostle & Lady Joyce Jones plus our Senior Pastors Stephen & Natalie Dagg.