

Welcome



**WE
LOVE
BECAUSE
HE
FIRST
LOVED
US**

1 JOHN 4:19

Sunday 10:30am & 6pm

Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service

Sunday Services Streamed Live

Wednesday 6pm



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**SACRED CALL CONCERT – NEXT SUNDAY 10:30AM**

Invite those that do not attend church for a morning of Southern Gospel Music. Help us post flyers and hand out invites this week.

CHURCH LUNCH – NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MORNING SERVICE

Taco Bar is on the menu. Crunchy, Soft, Taco Salad, just anyway you enjoy your Taco. Signup sheet for sides and desert.

SAT OCT 17TH – MEN’S BREAKFAST 8:30AM - WOMEN’S MEETING 11AM**OUR DEFEATED FOE – BILLY GRAHAM DEVOTION**

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword . . . - Hebrews 4:12*

How do we overcome the devil in everyday life? First, we need to recognize that the devil is a defeated foe. The Son of God came to undo the work of the devil. The crucifixion of Christ, which looked like a mighty victory for Satan, turned out to be a great triumph for God, because it was on the cross that Jesus took your sins and my sins. God laid our sins on Christ, so that when our Lord bowed His head and said, “It is finished,” He was referring to the plan of redemption and salvation. Then . . . we are to resist the devil. If we resist him, Scripture says, he will flee from us. Jesus overcame the devil not by argument but simply by quoting Scripture. That is why it is so important to learn and memorize Scripture passages.

Prayer: Thank You, heavenly Father, for the protection of Your Word as I face everyday temptations.

THE PROGRESSION NOBODY SEES COMING

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of
the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1:1*

Psalm 1 describes the anatomy of spiritual drift in three words. Walking. Standing. Sitting. Three stages. Three verbs. Each one representing a deeper level of entanglement with a direction that leads away from God. And the most important thing about progression is how unremarkable the first step is.

Walking with the ungodly does not feel like rebellion. It feels like Tuesday.

It is the lunch you take with coworkers where God never comes up and you never think to bring Him up either. It is the content you consume at night that subtly normalizes things you used to call sin. It is the friendships that are genuinely enjoyable but pull consistently toward a worldview that has no room for God, and you have been spending so much time in them that you have started to find their perspective reasonable.

That is the walking stage. And most people in it would not describe themselves as drifting. They would describe themselves as balanced. Open-minded. Not

one of those Christians.

But Psalm 1 says: watch the next step. Because walking leads to standing. You are not just passing through anymore. You are pausing. You are staying. You are beginning to adopt the posture of the people around you. The counsel of the world, which sounded foreign to you a year ago, is starting to sound like common sense.

And standing leads to sitting. Settled. Comfortable. Committed. And now, when someone speaks about the things of God, about consecration, about holiness, about seeking the Lord, there is something in you that is not just disinterested. It is scornful. It sounds naive to you now. You have sat down among the people who mock it, and you have become one of them. And you have no memory of making a decision to be there.

This is the progression Asa walked. He didn't renounce God. He just stopped seeking Him one situation at a time. He walked in the counsel of his own experience, then stood in the posture of someone who had it figured out, and by the end of his life he was sitting in the wreckage of a reign that could have finished so much better than it did.

Spiritual drift is not an event.

It is a sequence of unremarkable steps in the wrong direction.

The reason Psalm 1 starts with blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly is because the decision that determines the trajectory is the first one. The walking stage is where the course is set. It is the most interruptible stage of progression. But it is also the stage where most people don't think anything significant is happening.

The good news is that progression also works in reverse. You can choose to stop sitting before the sitting becomes permanent. You can stand back up. You can walk toward God rather than away from Him. And the first step of that reversal is the same as the first step of the drift: a small, seemingly unremarkable decision made on an ordinary day.

Turn around today. The first step back toward God is always available.

***Prayer:** Lord, show me honestly where I am in the progression. I don't want to discover I am sitting when I thought I was just walking. Wherever I am, I am turning toward You today. Give me the courage to take the first step back, and then the next one, until seeking You is the direction my life is moving again.*

AMEN

70 NATIONS REPRESENTED IN JERUSALEM FOR BIBLICAL

After nearly three years of war, many returned to Israel for Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles.

Dag Juliussen, a Norwegian regional director for the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ), welcomed delegates to the 2026 Feast of Tabernacles celebration.

"We are gathered here these days to celebrate, to worship, and to adore the King of Kings in His own city," Juliussen observed. "We're all together here...to bring a strong and warm message to the Jewish people: you are not alone."

More than 1,800 Christians from 70 nations came up to Jerusalem to celebrate the biblical holiday of Sukkot. On their first night in the city, they began with worship in English, Hebrew, and Arabic.

Popular Christian singer Aaron Shust introduced Shiloh and Nizar, one Jewish and one Arab. He noted, "We are friends, dear friends, only because of Jesus."

Then, one at a time, representatives from each nation attending crossed the stage, waving their countries' flags.

George Deek, Israel's first Israeli Arab ambassador to the Christian world, welcomed the visitors, saying, "And tonight, my friends, we are standing right here in Jerusalem. The dream survived. The people survived, and the State of Israel lives."

Deek spoke to the crowd about the trials Israel experienced over the generations, including October 7th, 2023.

He exhorted, "To every nation represented here, thank you for coming to Jerusalem. Thank you for standing with Israel. And when you return home, carry something of Jerusalem with you. Tell about our country. Stand against hatred and for truth, and help us build the future generations."

Christians founded the ICEJ in 1980 as a response to the decision by many countries to withdraw their embassies from Jerusalem.

The ICEJ has been hosting the Feast since then as a sign of the future fulfillment of Zechariah 14, which says that one day all nations will come up to Jerusalem to celebrate Sukkot.

The theme of this year's Feast is from Joel 3:16. ICEJ President Jurgen Buehler read the passage, "The Lord roars from Zion, He utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the Lord is a refuge to His people, a stronghold to the people of Israel."

Buehler believes that we are living in the last days of Joel 3, when the nations turn against Israel. He urged participants to pray for their nations.

"And the word of God is clear. The Lord rose from Zion. It's a roar of warning to the nations of the world that if you deal with My people, you are poking your finger in the eyes of God," Buehler warned.

He said God is now dealing with nations, and while He cares about the needs of individuals, participants represent their nations, and they need to cry out that their countries will stay on the side of Israel and God.

**Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
Proverbs 4:23 NIV**

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