**Grace & Truth Bible Church**

**Aurora, Minnesota**

**October, 2018**

**The Believer’s New Walk**

*…walk in newness of life.* Romans 6:4

**Should a Christian continue to live his old sinful life?** Paul’s answer, an emphatic denial, extends over chapters 6-8. Here in chapter 6 the answer centers around three key words: *know* (vs. 3, 6), *reckon* or *consider* (vs. 11), and *present* (vs. 13).

It will help us to follow Paul's argument in this chapter if we understand the difference between the believer's position and his practice. **His position is his standing in Christ. His practice is what he is or should be in everyday life.**

Grace puts us into the position, then teaches us to walk worthy of it. **Our position is absolutely perfect because we are *in Christ*. Our practice should increasingly correspond to our position.** It never will correspond perfectly until we see the Savior in heaven, but we should be becoming more and more conformed to His image in the meantime.

**The apostle first sets forth the truth of our identification with Christ in death and resurrection, and then exhorts us to live in the light of this great truth.** At Calvary the reign of sin was ended by death. Now we must make it so practically. **Our cooperation is needed.** Only God can make us holy, but He will not do it without our willing involvement.

We must not present the members of our body to sin, to be used as weapons or tools of wickedness. **Our obligation is to turn control of our members to God, to be used in the cause of righteousness**. – W. McDonald

*…walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.*

Ephesians 4:1

**October Evening Services**

**October 7**  Communion – Scott Ortler **October 14** Pastor Miller

**October 21**  Congregational Meeting

**October 28** Pot Luck – no evening service

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**Fall is officially here**, and the weather seems to be turning chilly rather early, but that doesn’t mean the need to minister to people has come to a halt. Release time classes began last week and Sunday School, Kids for Truth, youth group, nursing home services, Bible studies, and 2B Free continue as well. I praise the Lord for all of you who make those ministries possible, and if you are not involved, pray about helping. There is joy in serving Jesus!

**We have made a counter offer on the building in Virginia** ($100k) and expect to hear back from the sellers this week. Pray for God to continue to keep open or to shut this door of opportunity. *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;* *I will guide you with My eye.* Psalm 32:8.

*News flash –* they have accepted our offer with one contingency – congregational meeting scheduled for October 21 at 6 p.m.

**We have 19 children enrolled in Release Time this year.** Pray for our teachers and helpers: Rozanne Campbell, Jack Kunnari, Marilyn Kunnari, Connie Miller, Carol Ofsufsen, Kathy Ortler, Rachel Paine

**Pray for those with serious health problems:**

* Dave Tibbetts - starting cancer treatment Tuesday
* Sue Tibbetts – ongoing issues from lung replacement
* Ellen Nygaard – shoulder replacement surgery October 22
* Carol Rintala – heart condition
* Charlie Myhre – heart condition
* Jackie Nelson – cellulitis in her legs

**September Offerings**

* General **-** $4717.03
* Missionary **-** $1250.00
* Laurentian Bible Church **-** $660.00
* 2B Free- $55.00
* Camp - $149.90

**Memory Verses for October from Romans 7**

Vs. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

Vs. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Vs. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Vs. 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.