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(GENESIS 2:3)

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September 4th, 2016

BAPTISM SERVICE.....9:00am
WORSHIP SERVICE.....10:45am
CHURCH SERVICE.....11:00am

WELCOME:

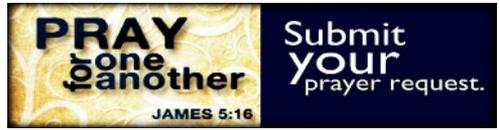
FIRST TIME VISITORS:

WARM GREETING:

TITHES-LOVE OFFERINGS:

SERMON:....."Rest"

speaker is Rhonda Barrett. \$140 before Oct. 14. See the flyer.



"So own up to your sins to one another and pray for one another. In the end, you may be healed. Your prayers are powerful when they are rooted in a righteous life." (James 5:16)

.....LOOK AHEAD:

TODAY: THE BAPTISM SERVICE will held at Kern Park Christian Church at 9am. Let us go there and celebrate 6 people will be baptizing in the water. Come and join with us.

TODAY: AGAPE FELLOWSHIP after the church service. Bring either hot or cold dishes. Also will have birthday cake, too!

September 9-11: Sixth Annual So. Oregon Deaf Christian Retreat will held at Glendale, OR. Rev. Chris Hughes of Maryland will be a guest speaker. See flyer.

September 18th: New Fall 2016-Sunday Morning Bible Class—our Pastor Eric will lead a class. This year we are focus and study on **"Unmerited Favor"** written by Joseph Prince. Pick up homework on Sept. 11th.

Oct. 28-30: 25th Annual Northwest Deaf Christian Women Retreat will held at Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center. The theme is "Living Water". The guest

HEALTH:

- Pray for Debbie G. (strength legs)
- Pray for Betty M. (health)
- Pray for Erin R. (health)
- Pray for Edwin C. (health)
- Pray for Randy M. (right foot pain)
- Pray for Pat N. (hip)
- Pray for Vickie J. (hip)

OUR DEAF MISSION and CHURCH PEOPLE:

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

- Pray for Teresa Garcia of Mexico—need financial support for her.
- Pray for 4 deaf pastors, also deaf people who lives in Venezuela (their country is on verge to collapse due economical crisis according to Missionary Gladly Perdomo.
- Pray for Edwin and Janet C—Lord gives them wisdom to deal the debts they faced relate with the story how God send ravens brought/ fed Elijah during famine.



DAY OF HEALING

“Let God use you to heal the sick”

And He said unto them, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My Name...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” (Mark 16:15, 17, 18)

Jesus listed several signs that are to follow those who believe in Him. One important sign is that “they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” This sign is not just for preachers. It’s for **all** believers.

Some say, “Well, I don’t know why God never uses me that way.” I made the mistake of thinking that one time. I read that Scripture and thought, “*Boy, I don’t know why God never uses me to heal anyone. He never works through me to lay hands on the sick.*”

But then I got quiet for a minute (You know, if you’ll get quiet, you’ll receive some answers.) All of a sudden, I heard down on the inside: “How many people have you laid hands on recently?”

Well, that woke me up, I started laying hands on people, and guess what? They got healed!

If we’ll just be obedient to the Word, it will work. We don’t have to wonder why God never uses us. As we start laying hands on the sick, He will. It’s up to us. It’s our job. Healing the sick is part of the Gospel, and we’re to take the Gospel into all the world.

CONFESSION: I’m a believer, so I expect signs to follow me according to the Word. When I lay hands on the sick, they are healed. God’s Word works in me, for me, and through me.

[Copy from 365 days of Healing by Mark Brazee]

PROPHECY NEWS!

NEWS REPORTED: High Priest is chosen by Sanhedrin, Temple Service

could be one week away.

NEWS REPORTED: North Korean soldiers ‘given nuclear backpacks’ as tensions rise over joint U.S.–South Korean military exercises.

NEWS REPORTED: Nigerian Clinton Foundation donor investigated for Hezbollah ties.

NEWS REPORTED: Gigantic 6.8 magnitude earthquake rocks Papua New Guinea. Earthquake jolts parts of China, Pakistan.

NEWS REPORTED: Homeland eyes special declaration take charge of elections.

NEWS REPORTED: Powerful Russian Weapon? Washington Post fears Putin’s ‘October Surprise’.

NEWS REPORTED: Surprise: FBI recovers another Benghazi e-mails Hilary Clinton deleted.

NEWS REPORTED: High School that had banned the American Flag at Football games changes their tune after outcry.

NEWS REPORTED: Punishments begin in Russia for new law forbidding sharing of beliefs outside Church.

NEWS REPORTED: Saeed Abedini asks why the U.S. and U.N. Refuse to condemn Iran’s execution of Christians.

NEWS REPORTED: Every child must study the Bible, says Prime Minister of Israel at open of school year.

NEWS REPORTED: Despite rape, torture and further unthinkable abuse, Kayla Mueller’s fellow hostages says she refused to deny Christ and even witnessed to [the infamous] Islamic State executioner Jihadi John.

NEWS REPORTED: More proof that a growing number of young Arabs and Muslims support Israel.

NEWS REPORTED: Kirk Cameron’s ‘Revive us’. Discover the only strategy for restoring America.

Genesis 2:2-3

"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it, because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

1. The word "rest" in Hebrew word is "*shabath*" [same word is "sabbath"]. It defines: "to cause a work to cease, to take rest, to keep as a day of rest, to sit down, to sit still, to interrupt, to make an enemy to rest, to restrain, to still (quiet), to leave off, and to celebrate the sabbath."
 - ☞ "the traveler has ceased (rested-*shabath*)"—abstains from journeying or traveling. (Isaiah 33:8)
 - ☞ "the elders (leaders) have ceased (rested-*shabath*) from the gate"—do not go to the forum or meeting. (Lamenation 5:14)
 - ☞ "It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested (*shabath*) and was refreshed."—to rest from labor. (Exodus 31:17)
 - ☞ "From the mouths of children and babies come songs of praise to You. They sing of Your power to silence (*shabath*) your enemies who were seeking revenge"—to make an enemy to rest, to restrain, to still (quiet). (Psalms 8:2 ERV)
2. Psalms 46: 10 says, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
 - ☞ The word 'still' in Hebrew word "*raphah*" (H7503) and defines: to sink down, to relax, to let drop, be disheartened, to withdraw, to abandon, to refrain, to forsake, to let go, let alone, to be quiet, be slothful, and be weaken. Let us look at Strong's Concordance and interesting here:
 - ✂ H7495 *rapha'* (verb) means 'heal, make healthful'.
 - ✂ H7496 *rapha'* (masuline plural noun) means 'dead, deceased'.
 - ✂ H7497 *rapha'* (proper gentilic noun) means 'giant'.
 - ✂ H7498 *rapha'* (proper masculine noun) means 'tall'.
 - ✂ H7499 *raphu'ah* (feminine noun) means 'remedy, medicine'.
 - ✂ H7500 *riph'uwth* (feminine noun) means 'healing'.
 - ✂ H7501 *rapha'el* (proper masculine noun) means 'healed of God'.
 - ✂ H7502 *raphad* (verb) means 'to spread, to comfort, to support'.
 - ✂ H7503 *raphah* (verb) means 'to sink down, relax, let drop'.

✂ H7504 *rapheh* (adjective) means 'slack (in body/mind), weak'.

✂ H7505 *raphuw'* (proper masculine noun) means 'healed'.

✂ H7506 *rephach* (p.m.n.) means 'healing of the breath'.

3. How does those H7495 to H7506 applies to your life?

4. Matthew 11:28-30—Jesus said to you, "(You) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden (burden), and I will give you _____. (You) Take My yoke upon you and (you) learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find _____ for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

✂ **Other translation:** Jesus said to you, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (The Message Bible)

☞ Do you feel as though you are trapped on never-ending treadmill based on your own efforts to try to earn God's forgiveness, God's approval, and God's acceptance? This is Christian religion! If you are trying to earn your own forgiveness and thinking that God is constantly mad at you, tell you, that is not the heart of God.

☞ When Jesus spoke of 'the unforced rhythms of grace', He means that there is an ease and enjoyment when you walk in His grace. That is in contrast to the struggle and strain found in 'self-effort'. Give up on your own self-righteousness as filthy rags and opens arms and open heart, receive His forgiveness.

5. When you understand God's grace and forgiveness, you will understand the difference between obligation and relationship:

☞ **UNDER THE OLD COVENANT OF THE LAW:** 'Right living is done out of religious obligation'.

☞ **UNDER THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE:** 'Everything we do today is birthed out of an inward motivation that flows directly from love relationship with Jesus Christ.

6. Jesus invites you to experience 'the unforced rhythms of grace'. Keep company with Him and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. Jesus invites you to step out of the struggle and strain of self-effort into 'the unforced rhythms of grace'.