

GOOD NEWS: JUSTICE AND MERCY

2 Peter 2.4-10, 17-22 // March 13, 2022

A WELL WITH NO WATER

Peter tells his readers that these false teachings and lies that we believe that promise us freedom, joy, or peace, are like wells or clouds that give the promise of much needed water but are empty.

What's worse, is he says that if we turn from those, but then later return to them, we are worse off than before, and that it would be better that they never heard of Jesus in the first place. That said, we can take great comfort that Peter is *not* talking about those who have been born again...so what is he talking about?

1 Peter 1.3-5 // 2 Peter 1.3, 4

RETURNING TO OLD SIN

Matthew 13.3-8, 18-23

If we do fall back into our previous way of life, it *could be* revealing to us that our salvation was never genuine in the first place. This is terrible news for us, because the hole we have fallen back into is deeper and stronger. Our previous sin has now been reinforced and strengthened.

The warning for us, too, is that old habits die hard. The flesh will *not* go quietly. A dog returns to his vomit, and a pig returns to the mud. We can *never* settle and think we good, clean, and standing strong on our own. We always must be aware and with our eyes wide open, clinging dependently on Christ with childlike faith.

Matthew 12.43-45 // Proverbs 27.20 // Ephesians 5.3

Kill sin or it will be killing you.

-John Owen

GOD WILL SAVE

When we uproot sin, that is a good first step, but more must be done. When you pull weeds or uproot a tree, *something* must fill in the hole that is left behind.

The only thing that can truly and permanently fill that hole is the Holy Spirit Himself, who brings us the promises and truths of the Gospel to fill our hearts and minds.

God will not be mocked. He will judge and condemn all false teachers, yet He will also graciously save all of those who have been born again and redeemed from their sinful state. *Even if* those redeemed ones have been entangled in many sins, He will save, because He is not only able, but He is willing.

1 Corinthians 3.11-15

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **2 Peter 2.4-10, 17-22**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

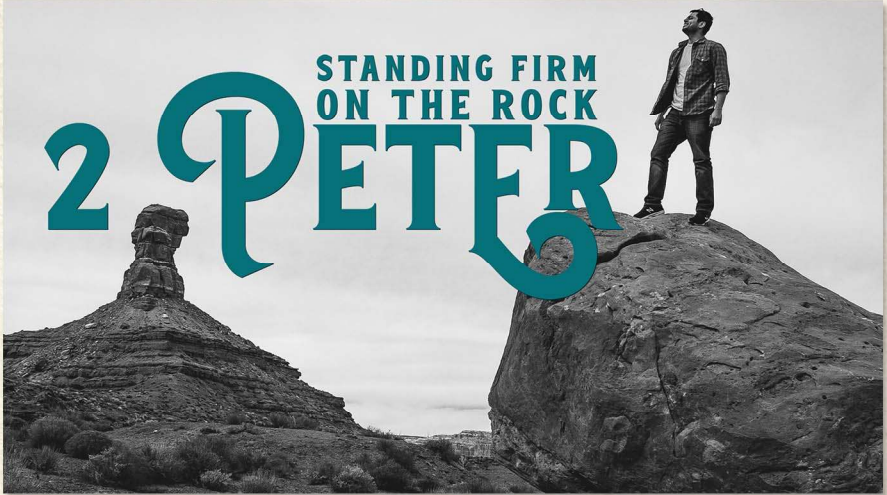
We all have our “vomit” and “mud” that we find ourselves tending back towards. What are those things for you, and how does the promise that God knows how to save you from them give you hope in your fight against them? What Gospel promises could you memorize to help you in that fight?

Your Life Mission

There are an endless amount of “waterless springs” that are wooing our friends and neighbors. What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, and what Gospel truths and godly traits could you equip yourself with as you pursue those relationships concerning the waterless springs they may be chasing after?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God’s goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week’s text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don’t need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God’s desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God’s love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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