

SERMON NOTES

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MATTHEW 16:16-17

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.



WELCOME TO RESCUE BAPTIST CHURCH

“Sinners are welcome at this church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s undeserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never-failing Lord Jesus Christ. We call His name Jesus for He shall, (not might, not maybe) but shall save His people from their sins, and every sinner that trusts in Christ is complete in Him, saved to the uttermost” Hebrews 7:25 (copied)

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THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON

Galatians 4: 6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Romans 8: 15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8: 26: Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27: And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

This is too wonderful for me! But it is so because God says it! In Galatians 4:6 it is the Spirit of his Son himself within our hearts, crying Abba, Father. In Romans 8: 15 the Spirit of adoption make us cry. Then in Romans 8:26 when we cannot pray, the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings which we cannot utter and God, who knows our hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit within us because the Spirit makes intercession according to the will of God.

Is this not the only reason why the apostle Peter’s faith failed not? Is it not the only reason our faith fails not? Even when Peter appeared outwardly to have

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denied the Lord, Christ prayed for him, not only at God’s right hand but also within his heart. This is an illustration of what Paul meant when he said, “*the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the FAITH OF THE SON GOD...*” The Spirit of God’s Son within us is the Faith of our faith, even when unbelief makes it appear we believe not. With the Spirit of Christ in us we are so one with Christ that by the Spirit of the Son crying, Abba, Father we cry Abba, Father. The Spirit within makes intercession for us even when we know not what we should pray for as we ought and cannot utter a word. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2 that we have the mind of Christ. Here he says God who knows our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit within us because the Spirit makes intercession for us according to God’s will. This is more than this sinner can understand. But I am so thankful it is so! Christ is the Faith of our faith and the Intercessor of our prayers. ~Clay Curtis,

Grow in Grace

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To HIM be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” - [2 Peter 3:18](#)

The apostle’s exhortation to us as God’s people who have been called by faith to believe on Christ is, “***grow in grace.***” When God’s people “***grow in grace,***” they grow in the doctrine of grace.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.” - Ephesians 2: 8-9

They grow in the object of grace – which is Christ Himself! ***“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.” - 2 Timothy 1: 9***

“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” - 2 Timothy 2: 1

And when God’s people “***grow in grace,***” they grow in the practice of grace. ***[Psalm 111:4](#) says, “...the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.” And all who “grow in grace” say, “As He is, I desire to be.” True growth in grace says with David, “I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with THY likeness.” - Psalm 17: 15***

The doctrine!

The object!

The practice!

“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To HIM be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” - 2 Peter 3: 17,[18](#).

~Gabe Stalnak