

“Salvation For the Sons of Adam”  
Luke 4:14-30

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came **to seek and to save the lost.**’” (Luke 19:9-10)

“The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who **takes away the sin of the world!**’” (John 1:29)

“For God so loved the world (the sons of Adam/Jews and Gentiles), that He gave His only Son (through the sons of Abraham/Israel), that whoever (Jew/Gentile) believes in Him (by faith becoming spiritual sons of Abraham) should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

- *Were the Gentiles always a part of God's plan of salvation?*
  - Before there were Jewish people: Genesis 3:15-16
  - All nations would be blessed through Abraham: Genesis 12:1-3
  - Abraham would be the father of a multitude of Nations: Genesis 17:3-4
    - He was the father of all nations **spiritually**, that is, for those who believe in God's provision of salvation by faith (Romans 4:11-12).
    - He was the father of **3 nations physically**; Ishmael (Genesis 17:20); The sons of Keturah (Genesis 25:1-4); and the nation in which the Messiah would come, Isaac/Israel (Genesis 22:17-18).
  - Israel was to be a light to all the nations of God's provision for salvation (Isaiah 49:6).
  - Luke's genealogy tells us that the Messiah was not just for the sons of Abraham physically, but for all the sons of Adam, or all the nations (Luke 3:23-38).
  
- *What is the purpose of miracles? (Luke 4:14-15; John 4:46-54 )*
  - “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.”
  - “Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your son will live.’ The man believed the word that Jesus had spoke to him and went on his way.” (cf. John 2:23-24)
  - John 20:30-31
  
- *Apply to the text: (Luke 4:16-30)*
  - Jesus shares the Word of God that is to be believed by faith (Luke 4:16-21).
  - They doubt Jesus' words and ask for a sign (Luke 4:22-23).
  - Jesus says that there were Gentiles (1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 5), who did not have the written Revelation of the Word of God, that believed the reliability of God's message and then God confirmed their faith by a miracle (Luke 4:25-27).
  - The word not received with joy and miracles not received from a heart filled with saving faith will lead to wrath and condemnation for the hearer and greater wrath and condemnation from God (Luke 4:28-30; cf. Luke 16:29-31).

**Worship:** Psalm 18 — Citizens

Holy, Holy, Holy — Various Artists

God Omniscient, God All Knowing — Matt Boswell

**Closing Song:** All Glory Be to Christ — Kings Kaleidoscope

**Service Times:** Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 6:30p & 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

### **Announcements:**

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party is TONIGHT at Andy Wesley's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). The festivities will start at 6pm and last until midnight! Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share! EVERYONE is invited to join us for a fun night of games, food, and fellowship!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** ONE week from tomorrow, starting on January 8 through March 11, 2024, we will be offering a 10-week course on "**Church History**" on Mondays from 6-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the birth of the Church in Acts 2 in 30AD up to our present time of 2023. Our Christian heritage is filled to the brim with fascinating figures whose lives we can learn from. Church history also records the teaching, movements, and mistakes of Christians who held to the truth of the Word and sought to reflect the invisible God. For the past two-thousand years of our history, Christians have wrestled with Scripture. The stories of Polycarp, Athanasius, Irenaeus, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jonathan Edwards, and John Wesley (just to name a few) help us to persevere in our faith during tough times and inspire us to live our lives in full for God's glory. We will study the major disputes of Heresy, such as the Council of Nicaea, that condemned Arianism in 325, the Council of Carthage that denounced Pelagianism in 418, and the Council of Chalcedon that rejected Eutychianism in 451. We also will study when Churches and Denominations begin. Please see the back of your sermon notes for more information about this course. Let Elder Richard know if you may be interested in this course so we can prepare a Syllabus for you. [(419)651-0053]

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, January 7th.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, January 21st. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we will be collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary.