



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Gospel of John Full of Grace and Truth

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

September 29, 2024

Baptism is an ordinance that God expects us to follow. This week we did deeper into the difference between John's baptism unto repentance and Christ's credo (believers) baptism.

Monday: John 1:6-10

Who did God send in this passage? How was he related to Jesus? What was his purpose in life? What (who) is the light he was to bear witness about? What does that light do for us? Why do we need to hear a witness about the light? Do you believe the witness about Jesus being the Light? Today, ask God to shine His light into your dark places. Let Him light up your life.

Tuesday: John 1:10-14

Why do you think the world did not know God, especially if He created them? Why do people reject Christ, even though He has come and revealed that He is God who has come to save people from the judgment against sin? While many are willfully choosing to be in darkness, what is true of those who desire the light? What must a person do to be born again spiritually? How about you? Have you met and placed your faith in the Living Word, Jesus Christ?

Wednesday: John 1:14

The Greek word for 'The Word' is Logos. It is not just a title. Nor is it just another name for the Bible. This is a formal name for the second member of the Trinity. What does that tell you about who the Word is? How did the Living Logos become someone we could know? What is Jesus, the Living Word full of? What does that mean to you? If grace means getting something you don't deserve, how does that affect you? If truth means there are no lies in God, what does that mean to you? Today, spend time thinking through how grace and truth affects you.

Thursday: John 1:15-16; Mark 1:1-7

If John was older than Jesus, why did he say that Jesus ranks before him because Jesus was before him? What does that tell you about the 'age of Jesus Christ the Living Word? Why was he unworthy to loosen Jesus' sandal straps? John the Baptist was considered to be the greatest prophet of God. When you think of Jesus, do you place Him high up? Today pay Him honor as the God of the Gospel that He rightfully is.

Friday: Mark 1:8-11; John 1:29-34

What happened at the baptism of Jesus? Why was it necessary that Jesus go through baptism, if John baptized people unto repentance? Was Jesus needing to repent of anything? If John baptized people with water, what did Jesus baptize with? What happened when Jesus came out of the baptismal waters? When we baptize someone we pray over them that the Holy Spirit would fill and empower them. What does that mean, especially since we believe that a person is inhabited by the Holy Spirit upon receiving Christ as Savior? Have you been baptized as a believer? Ask God to fill you and empower you to serve Him.

Saturday: John 1:17-18; Galatians 3:19-25

What is the purpose of the Law? The Bible says that the Law is a teacher. What does it teach us about God and ourselves? If God is pure and holy, what are you? Can you keep the Law (10 Commandments) perfectly? Since it is impossible to be perfectly holy, what did God do to help us? Today, thank God for showing us a better way than trying to keep the Law and repeatedly failing.