

Love is patient and kind. Love does not envy or boast. It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way.

1 Corinthians
13:4-5

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Great Swamp Baptist Church

February 5, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn 217 "O How I Love Jesus"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Praise & Worship

Richard Waitt

"Happy Day"
"How He Loves"

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special by Mended— *"The Heart of Worship"*

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed



Helpers:
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Paul's Desire for Israel's Salvation **(Romans 10:1-17)**

Introduction:

Two of the previous messages we looked at were about God's call for Ezekiel to be a watchman over the home of Israel. We looked at all this entailed, but especially we focused upon the fact that God called Ezekiel to be a watchman because of His own concern for them. God clearly expressed that He wanted Ezekiel to be a watchman because He had no joy in people dying in their sins and being forever lost.

This desire that God expressed to Ezekiel, and because of it called Ezekiel to be a watchman, we find expressed in many places, and in many different ways throughout the Word of God. One of those places is in the Book of Romans where the Apostle Paul expresses his own desire for the salvation of the nation of Israel. Of course, Paul's desire for Israel's salvation was motivated by our Lord's desire for them and as well for us all to be saved.

So for this message I want to focus upon Paul's desire for Israel's salvation and what he faced as he attempted to make this happen and what he did to accomplish his goal. For we, too, should have this same desire that none should perish in their sins and be forever lost. So let's let Paul's desire for Israel as well as for all men move us to do the same things he did in order to win as many to Christ as possible.

I. First, let's notice that Paul's desire for Israel's salvation encountered a problem (vs 1-7)

Now the problem that Paul encountered is one that we still encounter today when we are trying to win people over to the salvation of our Lord. That problem was that the nation of Israel was attempting to earn their salvation by the means of keeping the laws and commandments of our God.

Now one may ask why is this a problem, and why will it not work? Well, the answer to those questions is that they were attempting to fulfill God's laws by their own human and fleshly efforts. And the problem with that is that their humanity, as well as ours, has been tainted by the sin nature that we are all born with. And the result of that is that we cannot possibly and perfectly keep all of God's laws all the time.

Now the reason why this is a problem is because our Holy, pure, and perfect God demands perfection. Thus, if we fail in the slightest manner in fulfilling God's laws we then stand short of His glory and incapable of being accepted by Him.

James in his writings spells this problem out quite clearly. "For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." (James 2:10). So no matter how zealous a person may be about fulfilling God's law to obtain salvation it will never be sufficient, because as humans with a sin nature will always fail at some point in our attempt to keep His law.

This was a problem that Paul himself faced before becoming a follower of Jesus Christ. He used every human effort, and strength he could muster to obtain his own righteousness and salvation. However, when he encountered the Lord Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus, he discovered that his own righteousness was insufficient and only the righteousness that came from Jesus Christ through faith was sufficient enough.

So let's take a look at the next point to discover the message Paul preached to help everyone overcome the problem we've been examining in this first point.

II. Second, let's notice that Paul's desire for Israel's salvation came with a proclamation (vs 5-13)

So since it's impossible for us to obtain our salvation by the means of human efforts in keeping God's law what was the message that Paul preached that could offer them full and complete salvation.

Well, there were two things that Paul proclaimed to the nation of Israel on how to obtain salvation. And, of course, it's the same message that he and we must preach to Jews and Gentiles alike if they are going to experience salvation.

The first thing that Paul proclaimed to them was that obtaining salvation did not require them to go through some difficult measure in order to find the salvation of our Lord. He told them that they didn't have to go to heaven to bring Christ down to us, and nor did they have to descend into the depth of the grave to bring Christ up because it's impossible for us to do so, but more importantly God had already taken those measures for us, amen.

God took the difficult measure required for us because we couldn't ourselves. He sent His only begotten Son Jesus into the world for us, and once He was here He did everything required by the law on our behalf. He then went to the old rugged cross to die in our place because the penalty for our sins is death, hell, and the grave. Jesus was, once and for all, willing as the perfect sacrifice to take our penalties for us. On the cross His suffering amounted to an eternity of suffering for us.

Next Jesus was laid in the grave but He didn't stay there very long for three days later He came up out of the grave and all the forces of Hell couldn't stop Him.

So the only works for our salvation that actually work were the ones that Jesus did for us on our behalf. Praise be to our precious Lord. This is why Paul said, "The Word is near you. . ." (vs 8) you don't have to go digging, looking, and searching, He's already come.

The second thing that Paul proclaimed concerning how to obtain salvation was that our salvation is a message of faith. Faith is a word that expresses belief, trust, and commitment. And what Paul tells us is that our faith is to be a deep seated faith that rises up out of a heart of true commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and all that He did to accomplish our eternal salvation.

He then tells us that our deep seated faith will rise up from our heart of commitment and move in the upward direction to our mouth which we will use to do two things. First, our faith will move our mouth to cry out to the Lord, and call upon Him for the eternal salvation that He alone provides. The second thing that our mouths will do is confess verbally to God and to others that Jesus is Lord, our Lord, my Lord.

So the questions we should ask ourselves is are we trusting in our own abilities, works, and efforts, or have we come to a place of surrender and complete faith in Christ alone and all that He has done on our behalf? If not, then the Lord is near you and is eager for you to commit, call, and confess to Him.

III. Third, let's notice that Paul's desire for Israel's salvation was revealed through a procedure. (vs 14-17)

I don't have to really spend very much time on this point because Paul very clearly and simply lays out the procedure necessary to reveal to our lost and dying world the message of salvation that Paul proclaimed discussed in the previous point.

In a repetitious manner Paul tells us that the lost can't be saved by expressing faith in the Gospel message without hearing it, and they can't hear it without someone telling them and someone can't tell them without being sent. So hearing is required, and that means that verbal telling is required and that means that going is required to do the telling.

Well, let me remind all of us who are believers in Christ that though we are not all called to be pastors and preachers and evangelists, we are all called to carry the Gospel message with us, and be God's witness to this lost and dying world by being willing to openly and verbally share the Gospel message with them.

There's one thing for sure and that's that the world and Satan is by all kind of means verbally preaching their false and ungodly message. So through the leadership of the Holy Spirit let's counter their efforts by getting out there and going and sharing.

Conclusion:

We began this message by focusing upon Paul's desire for Israel's salvation, but of course we realize that his desire came from God's desire for the lost to be saved. Their desires were literally moved into reality. God's desire moved Him to send His son to save us. Paul's desire moved him to go and preach the message. Has our desire for the lost to be saved moved out of the desire stage into the action stage? Lord, help us to go and tell!

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee

SFCA Drama Department Presents.....

NIGHT AT THE
WAX MUSEUM

THE MUSICAL

Friday, March 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th @ 7:00 p.m.

SFCA Gymnasium
9009 Tarboro Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Ticket Prices:

Student - \$8.00

Senior - \$8.00

Adults - \$12.00

Concession stand will be open.



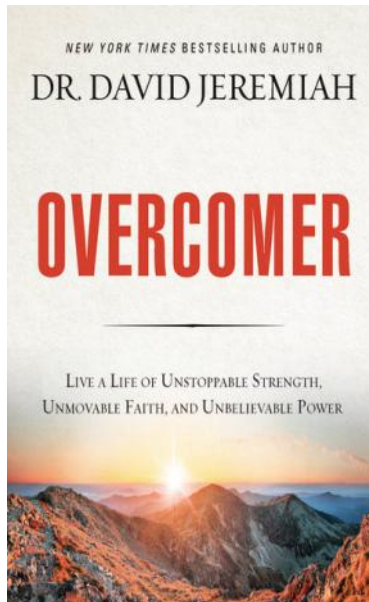
SFCA Blood Drive
Thursday, March 2nd
GSBC Multi-Purpose Building
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sign up online now to reserve a spot!
Walk-ins are welcome as well!



Visionaries Sunday School Class

**Let's
overcome
our
difficulties
together
with God!**



**More
Info to
Follow
Soon!**

We will be starting a new Bible study called “Overcomer” by Dr. David Jeremiah. This is an amazing Bible study from a trusted pastor. We all face difficulties today such as anxiety, fear, temptation, confusion, etc. and we have to choose how we respond to those. This Bible study will help teach you how to overcome them all. Who is to say you won’t learn new ways to handle life through this Bible study? You won’t know until you come join us and participate in the Bible study.

So stay tuned for more information on when the study will begin and let’s work together to overcome the difficulties in life!



**Grandma's Group
Valentine Luncheon!**

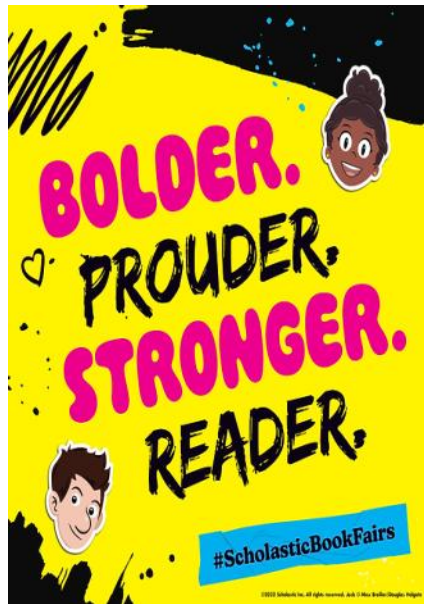
Ladies, come join us for our
Valentine swap!

Monday, February 6th
at 11:30 a.m.

Bring your Valentine!!

Please bring a dish
and/or a dessert. Beverages
provided.

Hope to see you there!



**Scholastic Book Fair
at SFCA**

February 6th - 10th

See Mrs. Newsome or
Mrs. May for details



For those that need to put something in the bulletin, please note that I print the bulletin either Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. So please contact me with whatever you need to put in the bulletin no later than noon on Wednesdays.

Thank you, Jennifer



It's that time of year again! Time to take all of your spare change and fill up baby bottles to support the Radiance Women's Center!



Please sign up in the front foyer, take a baby bottle or two, fill it up with money (coins or bills or even checks), and bring it back.

Due Date: February 15th



Note: Cassandra Deans from Radiance will be coming to speak to the church on January 29th about the baby bottle drive.





<i>Monday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Jason Smoak</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Davey McGill</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>Wilbur Daley</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Bonnie Pope</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>



Friday, February 10th
Tom & Connie Benton

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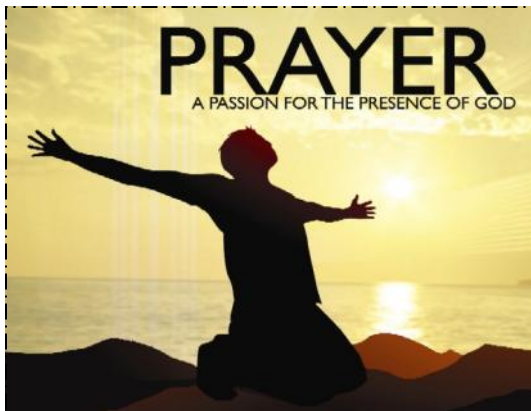
Saturday, February 11th
Rodney & April Malphrus



Business Meeting
Wednesday, February 8th
at 7:00 p.m.



Deacons' Meeting
Monday, February 13th
at 6:00 p.m.



Prayer Group
Tuesday
Mornings @
9:00am



**Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Service to follow at 7:00 p.m.**

**Team Keith will be cooking!
Come out and have dinner
and fellowship with us!**

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more



**Sunday Morning
Breakfast**

Begins at 8:00 a.m.
\$5.00 each or \$15.00
for a family of 4
or more

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership

*President / Vice President of
the United States of America*

Hospitals

*Jane Garbade—MUSC
Julia Rushing—Beaufort
Memorial PCU
Louis Hughes—MUSC*

Surgery/Recovery

Steve Jones

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler - RNC
Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Dot Nettles - NHC*

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Cancer/Treatments

*Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Pat Headley
Leigh Laycock*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Other Health Needs

*Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Mary Kay Cade
Ellen Nettles
Jennifer Pitts Key
Chris Blanchard
Keith Gamo
Doug & Melanie Hamm
Rose Sheehan
Steve Bailey
Kayla Malphrus
Nadine Smoak
Gerald Morgan
Stephanie Crowe*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Margaret Nelson</i>
	<i>Melanie Williams</i>

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent/Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Charleston, SC*

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Please note the church office will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of the federal holiday, President's Day.

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$3,205.00	\$ 5,012.49	-\$1,757.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Lottie Moon</i>	\$120.00	*****	\$2,014.00
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$96.00	*****	\$516.55
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$105.00	*****	\$180.91
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$1,249.70
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$111.10



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PO Box 446
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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Church Office: (843) 726-3631