



CHRIST'S CHURCH
OF THE CANYON

Week of April 26, 2020

Mid-week Devotion

My prayer is that this note finds you well, healthy, and challenged in your faith!

Please continue to read through Psalm 118. Psalm 118 is one of those passages that gives us as modern-day followers of Christ a real connection with the first century apostles. As the disciples were leaving their Passover meal with Jesus in the Upper Room, they left singing this Psalm. It's one of those passages that lends itself well to responsive reading.

I don't usually recommend movies but there is a series being shown on "Pureflix." Pureflix (not Netflix) offers clean and faith-driven alternatives to much of what is currently being offered on television. The series that Noe'l and I are watching is titled, "***The Chosen***" which is about the life of Christ and His disciples. It is a GREAT series! Pureflix.com is available for \$12.99 per month or \$99.99 for an annual subscription (and no, I don't get a "kick-back" from Pureflix for recommendations!!).

We're starting a new series this Sunday which is also ***Communion Sunday*** entitled, "Titus." Yep, just Titus. Nothing tricky. No pizzazz. Just a straight forward look at Titus, what Paul was writing to Titus about, and how his letter has huge implications for followers of Christ today. Titus is one of Paul's "pastoral epistles" along with 1 and 2 Timothy. Epistle defined is, "***a book of the New Testament in the form of a letter from an Apostle.***"

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:16-17 regarding Titus' enthusiasm for ministry especially as a young pastor to the church at Corinth,

16"But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus. ***17***For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord."

Titus was a young pastor trained by the Apostle Paul who had to deal with issues in his church that usually only more seasoned pastors would encounter. Granted, the Apostle Paul would be a great teacher, mentor, and guide but let's give Titus some credit as well. Paul is training others to not only help with the ministry but ultimately to continue the ministry following Paul's service.

Have a great week,

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