

Welcome To Creekside Community Church!

Sermon Notes

March 30, 2008

Christianity 101: Paul's Letter to the Romans

By: John Bruce



Do Good People Need Jesus?

Romans 2:1-16

Information For Your First Time At Creekside

- Services meet on Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Please pick up a name tag at the Welcome Table.
- CDs of the service are available for \$3 at the sound table in the back of the room. CDs are free for first time visitors.
- Video of this weekend's service is available online at www.creeksidecommunity.org.
- Infants through fifth graders are invited to our kids' program located in the north wing of the building.
- Programs for Junior High and High Schoolers are available during the 10:30 service.
- Please join us between services for refreshments.

Contact The Staff

John Bruce (Pastor): (510) 430-0607 or john@creeksidecommunity.org

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Small Groups At Creekside

Contact the group leader to join a small group or receive information.

Monday:

Henry and Sohini Chan: Promises of God
(510) 639-0681
7:00 p.m. in Oakland

Ron and Teri Arth: Matthew
(510) 769-9567
7:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Cambra/Assefa: Romans
(510) 655-6220
7:30 p.m. in San Leandro

Tuesday:

Pat McQuillister: Women's Study
Precept Upon Precept
(510) 562-6297
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Wednesday:

Amy Olson: Women's Study on Daniel
(510) 357-4441
9:30 a.m. at Creekside

Greg & Lori Arthur: Weapons of Warfare
(510) 532-1211
7:00 p.m. in Oakland

Bob Reinhart: Celebrate Recovery
(510) 430-0607
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Dan and Toni Lewis: Living By Faith
(925) 376-0259
7:30 p.m. in Oakland

Jim and Deborah Palmieri: Luke
(510) 632-2448
7:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Craig & Laura Turner: Couples Study on
Love & Respect
(510) 638-1421
6:30 p.m. in San Leandro

Thursday:

Scott & Stacie Clausen: James
(510) 638-8977
6:00-8:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Katie Atwood: Women's Study on Daniel
(510) 483-3134
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Nicholas/Nakayama: Genesis Part 2
(510) 583-1743
7:30 p.m. in Hayward

Joe & Jan Grijalva: Crown Financial
Bible Study (510) 278-0627
7:15 p.m. at Creekside

Saturday:

Paul Bronner: Men's Study of Proverbs
(925) 803-5028
8:00 a.m. at Creekside

Jeni Engler: Women's Study
Letter To The Corinthians
(510) 352-8473
7:00 a.m. in San Leandro

This Week at Creekside

Sunday, March 30th:

- Sunday Prayer Fellowship: Library from 8:45 -10:00 a.m. Call Judith Guerino at (510) 383 -9266.
- The Gospel According To John: Upstairs Conference Room from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430 - 0607.
- Prophecy in Judah: Upstairs Conference Room from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Bob Knoll at (510) 614-0809 or Bruce McGregor at (510) 483-1185.
- 2 Peter: Adult Classroom from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Russell Cull at (510) 521-1401.

Monday, March 31st:

- Martial Arts Classes: 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 p.m. Call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.

Tuesday, April 1st:

- Adrenaline High School Group: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607.

Wednesday, April 2nd:

- Celebrate Recovery 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430-0607.

Thursday, April 3rd:

- Martial Arts Awards Banquet: 6:30 p.m. Call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.
- Catalyst Junior High Group: 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607.

News and Notes

Sunday Prayer Fellowship: We would like to invite all our prayer partners to join us for group prayer on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10:00 a.m. in the church library. For more information, call Judith Guerino at (510) 383-9266.

Martial Arts Ministry-The Way, The Truth and The Life:

A Christ centered martial arts program with an emphasis on spiritual warfare. No experience is necessary, all ages are welcome. 1 hour classes are held at Creekside on Monday and Thursday at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. There is a \$25 per month class fee. For more information call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.

DVI Prison Ministry: Creekside buys the Bibles given each year to more than 4,000 new inmates processed through Dueul Vocation Institution State Prison. Creekside also buys other things needed by the DVI Chaplain such as anger management workbooks, and sound equipment. To donate to the Creekside Prison Bible Fund, please call Sharon in the church office or simply write Prison Bible Fund on your check and place in the offering box.

Lunch On Us: Sunday, March 30th, Noon

New to Creekside? Please join the Creekside staff for a relaxed and informal lunch on Sunday, March 30th at noon in the Student Center. We'd love to get to know you and for you to get to know us. Please RSVP to Sharon at (510) 430-0607 or email Sharon@creeksidecommunity.org.

Singles Connection: Sunday, April 6th, at 11:45 a.m.

Meet other singles at Creekside by joining us after second service for a bite to eat. We'll meet at 11:45 a.m. in the lobby. Call Janet at (925) 376-1745 for information.

Love Won Out Seminar: Saturday, April 12th

A dynamic one-day seminar to equip you with the tools necessary to show the love of Christ to those affected by homosexuality. Seminar is on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in Mountain View. Group registration is \$40 per person and must be in by April 6th. Registration at the door is \$60 per person. For additional information and group discount contact John Gilson at (510) 331-9268.

Creekside Work Morning: Saturday, April 12th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Men and women are invited to join us for a work morning to take care of minor maintenance and cleaning around the building. Contact John Gilson at (510) 331-9268 or email maintenance@creeksidecommunity.org for further information.

Children's Dedication: Sunday, April 13th, 10:30 a.m.

We will be doing a special children's dedication during second service on the 13th. of April. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please call John Bruce at (510) 430-0607 or email john@creeksidecommunity.org.

Jones Convalescent Home: Thursday, April 17th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join the Creekside staff as we minister the clients and staff at Jones Convalescent Home through singing, games, and room visits. Call Kathy Greer (510) 430-0607.

Spring Serve: Saturday, April 19th, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Join Creeksiders and members from two San Leandro Churches as we serve our city at a variety of sites. Call Kathy Greer for more information at (510) 430-0607 or email Kathy@creeksidecommunity.org

Do Good People Need Jesus?

Romans 2:1-16

Instead of justifying us, morality condemns us.

Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. [2] And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. [3] But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? - Romans 2:1-3

Instead of moving us closer to God, morality hardens us to Him.

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? [5] But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, [6] who will render to each person according to his deeds: [7] to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; [8] but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. [9] There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, [10] but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [11] For there is no partiality with God. - Romans 2:4-11

Morality confuses knowing with doing.

For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; [13] for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. [14] For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, [15] in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, [16] on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus. - Romans 2:12-16