

Welcome To Creekside Community Church!

Sermon Notes

April 13, 2008

Christianity 101: Paul's Letter to the Romans

By: John Bruce



How Can a Loving God Condemn People to Hell?

How Can a Just God Let People into Heaven?

Romans 3:9-31

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

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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, April 13th:

- 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.
- Crave Service: 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Call Richard at (510) 430-0607.

Monday, April 14th:

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

Tuesday, April 15th:

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

Wednesday, April 16th:

- Cox After School program: 1:30-4:00 p.m. Call Kathy Greer at (510) 430-0607.
- Celebrate Recovery 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430-0607.

Thursday, April 17th:

- Martial Arts Classes: 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 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.

Saturday, April 19th:

- Spring Serve: 9:00-Noon at the San Leandro Marina. Call Kathy 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.

Mexicali Outreach 2008: Our Creekside Mexicali Outreach team had an amazing array of ministries this year. The core of our ministry is the VBS in the park with our sister church. The youth presented amazing skits with props that were "over the top!". This year we had our college age students plan and execute much of the VBS with great results. All the students worked hard, not only at VBS, but doing community service with other churches painting over 100 yards of tagged wall, helping in the camps kitchen and laying cement in the church classrooms. Richard also took two of our college students to play basketball in the prison, including donating the soap supplies you all gave. The women's ministry was well attended, and in addition we delivered food to 11 needy families. The new Men's Ministry started with 5 men and quickly grew to 30, who learned about Leadership in their community. Past gifts of the Van, still in use, and the kitchen; is in full operation helping raise money for the church's addiction program. Thank you Creekside for partnering in this ministry with prayer and financial contributions.

Crave Progressive Service: Sunday, April 13th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

"What do you crave? Crave Meaning? Crave Truth? Crave Intimacy? Crave Life? Come find out what you crave. Creekside Community Church is starting a service of progressive worship for progressive people. We will serve food during the service to satisfy some of those cravings. Any questions please call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607. No child care will be provided during this service. See you there!

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 as we serve our city at the San Leandro Marina. We will be provided gloves and trash bags and work together collecting debris along the paths near the shoreline. Wear sturdy shoes. Sign up online for the Bar-B-Que following at www.lovesanleandro.com or contact Kathy Greer at (510) 430-0607.

Stepping Stones 5k run/1 mile walk: Saturday, April 26th, 7:30 a.m.

Join Creeksiders and the community as we support Stepping Stones run/walk. \$30 to participate in the run/walk, or volunteer by assisting with registration, timing runners, or serving food. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a starting time of 8:30 a.m. Applications are available on the credenza under the information center in the mail lobby or go online at www.steppingstonesgrowth.org. Call Anthony Baca at (510) 860-2077.

Lunch On Us: Sunday, April 27th, Noon

New to Creekside? Please join the Creekside staff for a relaxed and informal lunch on Sunday, April 27th 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, May 4th, 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.

Kids' Theatre Presents Cinderella: Friday & Saturday, May 9th and 10th

The timeless fairy tale meets the magic of Disney in this adaptation of the treasured animated film. This is a wonderful show for the whole family, featuring songs, an exciting plot, and a cast of eighty talented first through fifth graders. Show times are Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 per person and children under 3 are free. Call Jenny at (510) 430-0607 to reserve your seats.

Baptism: Sunday, May 18th, 10:30 a.m.

If you have received Jesus as Savior and Lord but have never been baptized, we invite you to be baptized here at Creekside on Sunday, May 18th during 2nd service. If you would like more information on baptism, call John Bruce at (510) 430-0607 or email john@creeksidecommunity.org.

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Our Problem:

What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one. Their throat is an open grave, with their tongues they keep deceiving, the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood, destruction and misery are in their paths, and the path of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes." Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin."

God's Solution:

"But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law."