

Faith Comes by Hearing Bible Study – 10.29.25 (For 11.2.25)

First Reading: Psalm 32:1-7

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

1. This psalm is titled a "maskil," which is a word that describes that this is the place where one can gain wisdom or intelligence. What does David share in this psalm that would help us gain this?
2. David shares about keeping silent about sin affecting him physically as well as spiritually. What is David showing us about unconfessed sin and what it does to us?
3. In verses 6-7, David talks about God being his "hiding place." What does this metaphor mean? How has God been a "hiding place" for you?

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be

has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1. John invites us to understand God's love for us. How great is God's love for us as John describes?

2. John also reminds us that we have a new title: children of God. What does it mean to be called "children of God"?
3. How should the hope of our future with Christ affect our present lives?

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall

receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1. In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us about "blessedness." He uses the word differently than the world does. How does Jesus use the word? What situations produce blessedness?
2. What is the setting for this sermon? Who is it addressed to? Is that information important?
3. What unexpected command does Jesus give us when we are treated poorly? What is our reason for rejoicing?