

Readings from Galatians 6:11- 15—March 5-11, 2023

11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! 12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. 13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Sunday: Why does Paul say he wrote with large letters (hint: Acts 9, Gal. 4:15)? **Pray** for Black Forest (Colorado Springs, Colo.) RPC to be faithful witnesses for Christ's kingdom in the Black Forest area, their neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. Give thanks for God's goodness in Russell, Ont., RPC being able to move into their own building after so many years of searching out various properties; this was a successful purchase of an old grocery store that they renovated into their place of worship. **Pray** for Pastor and Penny Smith's safety and blessing in travels back from presbytery.

Monday: What does Paul say the circumcizers want to impress? **Pray** for newly ordained elders at Orlando, Fla., RPC: Kevin Duffey and "Alex" Ramirez. **Pray** for God's blessing on evangelism for Atlanta RPC.

Tuesday: From this passage, what does circumcision mean for the Christian(v.15)? **Pray** or the Lord to raise up new deacons in Lisbon (Ogdensburg, N.Y.) RPC. **Pray** for the students and staff at Reformed presbyterian Theological Seminary as the Spring term begins today.

Wednesday: How does Galatians 1:6 apply to our passage? **Pray** for God to **bless several** witnessing relationships that members of Sparta, Ill., RPC have developed, and that He would help them to present the gospel clearly.

Thursday: Is the Christian allowed to boast? If so, in what? Rejoice with the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary that kitchen renovation in Rutherford Hall is underway; give thanks for the special gift that is making this possible.

Friday: What was the purpose for trying to circumcise the Galatians (v.12)? Ask the Lord to supply workers for RP Global Missions' efforts in South Sudan and Central Asia.

Saturday: What New Testament sign replaced circumcision? Please **pray** with Fulton (N.Y.) RPC that they would thrive and grow despite the state government's COVID regulations and lockdowns; **pray** for the church in our nation to be bold in resisting government intrusion into church affairs. **Pray** for ARPC's service tomorrow.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day
March 5, 2023

Meeting every week at
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Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalms 63:1-4

*The Invocation

*Psalm 100A

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 27:27-50

*Psalm 106 A

“O Praise the Lord! O thank the Lord”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 102A

“To this my prayer O listen Lord!”

Scripture Text

2 Corinthians 2: 1-11

The Sermon

“Christian Suffering”

*Psalm 23B

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

*Prayer

*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord , all servants of the Lord”

*Closing Prayer

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return-Genesis 3:17-19

Q 19: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell? A: All mankind by their fall lost communion with God,¹ are under his wrath and curse,² and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever

Q 20: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A: God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life,¹ did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer

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Filling the pulpit today is Elder T.J. Pattillo, our ministerial intern, who is studying for the gospel ministry.

Sermon Outline

I. The Character of God in Our suffering

II. The Character of the Church in Suffering

III. The Character of Faith in Suffering