

Bible Study based on; "Advent Bible Study" Series A by Adam Francisco
Theme: Rooted In Christ
Scripture readings Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12 ESV

Let's open with the Lord's Prayer

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 ESV

Give the King Your Justice Of Solomon.

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

- 5 May they fear you[a] while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
- 7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

Law/Gospel Focus

"God created man in His image. Adam and Eve's fall into sin and the sin we commit every day have destroyed that original divine image and severed our relationship with God the Father. Out of human and divine roots, God sent His Son in order to offer himself as the final sacrifice for sin. Christ's death on the cross has restored people's relationship with their Creator and Father."

A story about Scott and Bill-

Questions based on the story:

1. What do you think Bill was talking about? _____
2. Think of the times in your life when your faith was the strongest. What do you suppose caused it to grow? _____
3. It is easy to get caught up in a "Santa Claus Christmas." What do you plan to do in order to ensure that you and your family will remain firmly rooted in Christ over the holidays?

Isaiah 11:1 ESV

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

1. In Isaiah 11:1, what does the shoot that comes up "from the stump of Jesse" refer to?
2. What does this say about the nature of the "shoot"? _____
3. What work would this "shoot" accomplish? _____

Isaiah 11:10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

4. What does verse 10 say about the effects of this work? _____

Romans 15:8-9

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

5. What is Paul speaking of in Romans 15:8 when he writes, “Christ has become a servant of the Jews...to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs”? _____
6. How does this offer us hope? _____

Matthew 3:7-10, 11 ESV

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

7. What is the difference between John’s baptism and the Baptism “with the Holy Spirit and with fire” described in Matthew 3:11? _____

Connect:

Luke 3: 23, 32, 38

23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,

32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon,

38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

8. Read Luke 3:23, 32, and 38. Who was Adam’s father? What does this tell you about the original state of humankind? Adam is humankind’s representative. What happened after Adam sinned?
9. Who was Jesus’ father? How is Jesus the second Adam?
10. Isaiah speaks of the coming Messiah who would have human roots but would exhibit divine qualities. Why would the Messiah need to be both God and man?

Isaiah 11:10 ESV

10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal (banner) for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Isaiah prophesies that Jesus “will stand as a signal (banner) for the people...” What past event in history stands as a banner for all people? What future event will stand as another banner for all people?

Close in Prayer: Any prayer request?

Scripture Readings for this Bible Study:

Isaiah 11:1-10 ESV

The Righteous Reign of the Branch

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

9 They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Romans 15:5-13 ESV

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, **6** that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, **9** and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

10 And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

11 And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

12 And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Matthew 3:1-12 ESV

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”[a] 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare[b] the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”