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Sunday Mornings Messages

**July 24 – “Misusing the Gifts of God”
(Ezekiel 16:15-43)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**July 31 – “Our Shame and Forgiveness”
(Ezekiel 16:44-63)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 7 – “The Tree the Lord Planted”
(Ezekiel 17:1-24)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 7 – “Taking Responsibility”
(Ezekiel 18:1-20)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

Sunday Evening Messages

**July 17 – “How to NOT Judge the World”
(James 2:10-13) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**July 24 – “Faith is Perfected by Works”
(James 2:14-26) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**July 31 – “Doers of the Word, #1,
Pure Speech is Self-Controlled”
(James 2:14-26) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Our Desperate Need for Grace”

July 17, 2022
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

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Ezekiel 16:1 – *Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying.*

Ezekiel 16:2 – *“Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations*

- Ezekiel is tasked with _____ Jerusalem of their _____
 - _____ with the surrounding nations
– Abominations and Harlotries

Ezekiel 16:3 – *and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem, “Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.*

- The Origin of Jerusalem is a _____ and a _____

Ezekiel 16:4 – *“As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.*

Ezekiel 16:5 – *“No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born.*

- Jerusalem’s situation is hopeless on two levels:
 1. No one _____ for them
 2. They were abandoned (thrown out) - _____ (abhorred)

Elevation from Hopelessness to Royal Bride

Two metaphors marked by, “I passed by you and saw you...”

Ezekiel 16:6 – *“When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ Yes, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ (7) “I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.*

- God _____ and declares _____

- God _____
- God _____ to purity

Ezekiel 16:8 – *“Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,” declares the Lord God. (9) “Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. (10) “I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk. (11) I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck. (12) “I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. (13) “Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. (14) “Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord God.*

- Nothing of her royal statues was _____
- It was all a _____ from the King - a reflection of _____ beauty

Compare this Metaphor to the Gospel...

1. We Come from a _____ land and a _____ people
 - a. Romans 5:12 – *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned –*
2. Our situation (_____) is _____
 - a. Ephesians 2:11 – *Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands – (12) remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

3. God had compassion and grace on the world and sent

a. Jesus came saying _____

John 10:10 – *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

b. Jesus made a much better _____ -

Hebrews 8:6 – *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.*

c. Jesus life, death and resurrection provides spiritual _____ for our soul
(_____ and Rest)

4. When we believe - God _____ us

a. Romans 8:15 – *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” (16) The Spirit Himself testified with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

5. When we believe - We should begin to display the _____ of God

a. Matthew 5:14 – *“You are the light of the world. A City set on a hill cannot be hidden; (15) nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. (16) “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

When People See Our Beauty
We Should Point Them to Jesus Christ