Precious Gift

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"Every good and perfect gift is from God above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS I walk down a church aisle. The pianist plays "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus." The song prompts me to praise and worship my Lord and Savior who is the risen Christ and God's precious gift.

Jesus came to earth as a perfect, supreme example to show people how to live. He saw their sins and took them on His shoulders. By God's design, Jesus allowed Romans to crucify Him. The sinless Christ died and was buried. The earth could not contain Him. Three days after His burial, Jesus rose from the grave and ascended to heaven to be with His Father, the Father of lights.

After His ascension, Jesus sent the promised Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. By the power of the Holy Spirit, believers come in faith to Christ and enter a walk with God. The Spirit's function is to help believers understand Jesus' teaching, glorify the person of Christ, and work in the lives of all believers and the church.

We have the Bible and the Holy Spirit because of Jesus Christ. The Word of God teaches, rebukes, corrects, and trains believers in righteousness. Have you spent time with Jesus, the King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Savior, Messiah, Prince of Peace? Did you and mediated on His Word, listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, and apply His teaching?

Sing praises to Jesus Christ..

March 18, 2018

FOCUS Wesleyan Church
In Christ Alone - "Do All the Good you Can,
As Long as Ever You Can"

Sermon Notes: Matthew 26:1-13

John 12:1-11

1. Mary gave her _____ to Jesus

Malachi 1:6-14

2. Only be concerned with the of

Matthew 16:24-27

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

3. Depend on God for

4. We should do _____ we can, we are able

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

~ John Wesley

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives. What is your next step?

What is the most precious item/object you own? Would you be willing to give that entirely to Jesus? What areas of your life do you feel the Lord is asking you to surrender entirely to Him? Are you willing to step out in faith and risk something big for Jesus?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following unsaved friend or family member:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

Philippines Clean Water Project

For nearly three years, our Church and several others from our KY-TN District of *The Wesleyan Church*, have been supporting a clean water project at a village in the Philippines through World Hope International. If you would like to help support this effort, consider placing a donation in the wooden bucket before you exit today.

FOCUS Youth Group -Sundays 6:30-8 PM

Friends welcome, snacks and fun provided!

Wednesday Night Meal

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for supper this Wednesday night. The meal will be ready at 5:30 PM. You have been invited to come and share a delicious meal and uplifting fellowship with us.

