



**SUNDAY**

- 10:00 AM — Adult Sunday School** — Main Auditorium
- 11:00 AM — Worship Service** — Main Auditorium
- 11:00 AM — Children's Church & Choir** — Aux Bldg  
Ages 6-11/until conclusion of Worship Service
- 11:00 AM — Nursery** — Auxiliary Building  
Ages 0-5/until conclusion of Worship service  
*Children under 2 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent or older family member.*

**TUESDAY**

- 7:30 PM — Prayer Service** — Auxiliary Building  
All are welcome. There are many needs for which to seek God.
- 8:00 PM — San Mateo Bible Study**  
Call Chuck Kabala at (650) 358-9212 for information.

**THURSDAY**

- 7:30 PM — Women's Theology Class** - on BREAK until fall
- 7:30 PM — Redwood City Bible Study**  
819 Palm Ave. Apt. #2, Redwood City, CA  
Call Paul (650) 771-6468

**FRIDAY**

- 8:30 PM — Friday Night Bible Study** — Worship Hall  
*Current study is the Book of 1st Thessalonians*

**SATURDAY**

- 7:30 PM — Men's Meeting & Theology Class**  
All men are welcome to join us at for Study  
Come early to help Set-up for Sunday Worship.

**KEEP IN MIND...**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*Pastor Jesse Gistand  
Elder Rick Warta*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (STAND)

**DOXOLOGY**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN #449 & #242** (SEATED)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Gal 3:1-14

**HYMN #308**

**PRAYER FOR THE MESSAGE**

THE UNDILUTED GOSPEL OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH:

**THE *SPIRIT* OF JUSTIFICATION**

**HYMN #224**

**OFFERING**

**CLOSING DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

**BENEDICTION**

***NEXT WEEK THE LORD'S TABLE!***

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### Galatians 3:1-14

<sup>1</sup>O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

<sup>2</sup>This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? <sup>3</sup>Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? <sup>4</sup>Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. <sup>5</sup>He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

<sup>6</sup>Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. <sup>7</sup>Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

<sup>9</sup>So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

<sup>11</sup>But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. <sup>12</sup>And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

<sup>13</sup>Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: <sup>14</sup>That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Chance proof-texting is especially ill-advised. It treats proof-texting like dice-tossing. Consider a troubled man who decides to look for guidance in the Bible. He decides to close his eyes and open the Bible and trust his finger to be directed to the text that will bring to him the comfort he desires. He opens his eyes and reads Matthew 27:5: *“Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.”* Finding not much comfort in that text, he decides to try again. This time his finger rests on Luke 10:37b: *“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”* Becoming even more troubled, he decides to make one more attempt, and finds his finger resting on John 13:27: *“Then Jesus said to him, ‘What you do, do quickly.’”* This method is not to be used for making decisions!



Proof-texting must not replace Christ-searching. Doctrinists search for texts proving their dogma. Moralists search for texts proving their ideals. Sectarians search for texts proving their faction. Legalists search for texts proving their self-justification. Unsurprisingly, all these miss Christ – He who is the theme of all the Scriptures!

The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ tells us that if we faithfully “search the Scriptures” we will find that “these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39). He evidenced this to be true when “beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:27).

The Lake of Fire will be thickly populated with doctrinists and sectarians and moralists and legalists forever lamenting the fact that the things for which they sought in the Holy Scriptures were not worth the effort. But, no one who searches the Scriptures for the Christ will lament having done so. And he who rightly believes in the Christ found in Holy Scriptures will be right also in his doctrine, practice, ideals, unfactioned union in Christ, and justification through Him.

A Biblical proof-text is a verse or short passage from the Bible used by someone as a proof for a doctrinal belief he wishes to substantiate to others. Proof-texting is the practice of using proof-texts. Proof-texting can be legitimate. For example, Jesus Christ in His temptation by Satan in the wilderness used three proof-texts in confounding His adversary (Matthew 4:1-11). Proof-texting can also be illegitimate. For example, the two proof-texts employed by Satan in tempting Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:6) were illegitimate because he perverted their meaning.

If you confess with your **MOUTH** "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your **HEART** that God raised him from the dead, you will be **SAVED!**



**Romans 10:9**  
often taken out of context

Proof-texting is a favorite ploy of Satan's ministers (as they are identified in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15). They twist the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16) by assigning to their texts meanings contrary to the true meaning. And they build their doctrine on texts divorced from their context and the rest of Holy Scriptures dealing with that doctrine. This practice has given rise to the adage "A text taken from its context is a pretext."

It is rightly said that "Every heretic has his proof-text!" A works-salvationist may proof-text Philippians 2:12: "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"; but his error is evidenced in the next verse: "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." A baptismal-salvationist may proof-text with "baptism saves us" (1 Peter 3:21 adapted); but his error is evidenced in the rest of that text and by the teachings of Holy Scriptures elsewhere regarding the proper relationship of baptism to salvation.

### “We shall all surely return from whence we came”

#### “PARAPHRASE OF JOB 1:21

1. Naked as from the earth we came, / And entered life at first;  
Naked we to the earth return, / And mix with kindred dust.
2. Whate'er we fondly call our own / Belongs to heav'n's great Lord;  
The blessings lent us for a day / Are soon to be restored.
3. 'Tis God that lifts our comforts high, / Or sinks them in the grave:  
He gives; and, when he takes away, / He takes but what he gave.
4. Then, ever blessèd be his name! / His goodness swelled our store;  
His justice but resumes its own; / 'Tis ours still to adore.

– Scottish Psalter (1650); C.M.; to “Amazing Grace”



