

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

We can face an unknown future when we know that God empowers us, has saved us, and keeps us to the end.

THIS WEEK’S BIBLICAL BASIC

Peace: I am free from anxiety because I have found peace with God, peace with others, and peace with myself. *“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 4:6–7, CSB).*

Questions for Your Journal

Use these following questions to evaluate what you learned from Sunday's sermon.

Summary:

- The main thing the speaker wants me to do, be, and/or feel as a result of this message.

Application to My Life:

- What did God say to me through this message?
- How does my life measure up to this word?
- What action(s) will I take to bring my life in line with this word?
- What truth do I need to study further?

The Resurrection from the Dead

Christ's resurrection initiated a progression of resurrections that will achieve the ultimate subjection of sin and death, so that God will be "all in all." Hence, believers enter an eschatological process upon salvation. The foundation of the future, "of first importance," is the gospel which rests on the crucifixion and resurrection "according to the Scriptures." Paul was significant among these "as to one untimely born" (1 Cor 15:3–8), referring to his encounter with the exalted Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1–9). In Christ, all will be made alive, each in order, until the destruction of the last enemy—death (1 Cor 15:20–26).

In the meantime, believers are "to suffer with Him in order that we might be glorified with Him" (Rom 8:17; Phil 3:9–10). This means that they should "walk in newness of life as slaves of obedience and righteousness by God's grace (Rom 6). In the Spirit of Christ, believers have been adopted into God's family as fellow-heirs of Christ (Rom 8) until He appears again (1 John 3:1–3). Hebrews encourages believers to focus on Jesus, "the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb 12:2 NIV).

The progression of resurrections in their order will culminate in the new creation, since sin and death have subjected the "old creation" to a groaning travail of decay (Rom 8:18–25). The future resurrection of believers will involve a bodily transformation from death to life. However, because perishable flesh and blood cannot inherit immunity from eternal death (Jeremias, "Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God," 151–59). "this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality" (1 Cor 15:53). The resurrected body will be powerful, glorious, and "spiritual," referring to the gift of the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor 15:42–48). Morissette asserts that the two bodies will be different, but the person will be the same—as with Christ, there will be two dwellings and one occupant.

The priority of the New Testament concerns the transformation of believers (compare John 6:39–40; 11:24), which involves both resurrection and translation: "We who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep ... the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to

meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we always be with the Lord” (1 Thess 4:15–17; compare 1 Cor 15:51–52 ESV).

Before the new creation, the Lord also promised a general resurrection for judgment. In Revelation 20, John saw thrones and the souls of those who had been given authority to judge. The martyrs who had not compromised in the great tribulation “came to life” in “the first resurrection” to reign with Christ for a thousand years with exemption from “the second death” (Rev 20:4–6). At the conclusion of the thousand years, the forces of evil will surround “the city God loves” and will be devoured by fire from heaven. The devil will be “tormented with them day and night forever and ever” (Rev 20:7–10). The Lord will then judge all of the dead according to what they had done. Finally, “death and Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire,” which is the second death (Rev 20:11–15). This was John’s vision of Christ’s triumph over dominion, authority, power, and death (compare 1 Cor 15:24–26).¹

Encounter

Take a few minutes to read 2 Timothy 1:6–12 in a couple of Bible translations. Make a note of any differences between the translations and anything that especially jumps out at you.

Reflect

In 2 Timothy 1:6, Paul encouraged Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God.” **Read 1 Timothy 4:14 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19. How can Christians avoid stifling or quenching the Spirit and instead “Fan into flame” the gifts He gives?**

Paul goes onto to describe the “gift of God” as a “Spirit of...power, love, and judgment” (2 Tim 1:7). **Read Galatians 5:22–23. Think back to Sunday’s sermon, what fruits of God’s Spirit do you need to empower you to respond to the difficult circumstances you’re currently facing or those you might face?**

Paul motivates Timothy to be willing to suffer for the gospel by reminding him of the salvation He's received from God (2 Tim 1:9–10) **Read 2 Timothy 1:9–10 and Titus 3:4–8. According to these passages, how should God's work in saving us motivate the way we live?**

Paul's final encouragement to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:6–12 rests on the confidence Paul has in God's ability to keep or preserve him until the day of Christ (2 Timothy 1:12). **Read 2 Timothy 1:11–12 and 1 John 3:1–3. How should our knowledge of the future resurrection change the way we live now? What do you find most difficult about this?**

Examine

Based on 2 Timothy 3:16 (“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”), this series of questions is intended to help you figure out what you should do or believe in response to this text. (This passage may not have a clear answer for each question. Just use them to prompt your thinking.)

1. What does this passage tell me to believe?

(How does it teach me?)

2. What does this passage tell me not to believe?

(How does it reprove me?)

3. How does this passage tell me not to live?

(How does it correct me?)

4. How does this passage tell me to live?

(How does it train me in righteousness?)

Embrace

After spending significant time with this passage, you've probably learned a lot and heard God speak to you through His Word. Look back at your responses to the previous questions and ask God to show you how you can respond to this text this week.

Write down some ideas for how you can respond to the truth of God's Word.

About The Map

The Map exists to help you consistently reflect on Scripture as you pursue maturity in Christ. When you devote yourself to reading God's Word, and meditate on what you read, you're allowing Him to shape your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.

NOTES:

1. J. Lanier Burns, "Resurrection," ed. John D. Barry et al., *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).
2. Craig Blomberg, *Matthew*, vol. 22, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 123.



Disciple-Making Guide

Kids Kindergarten through 6th grade receive Adventure Tokens for discipleship activities completed during the week. They can spend them at the Adventure Store on the last Sunday of the month.

Big Picture Questions for Unit 36: “The God Who Makes All Things New”

Preschool: Q: What will happen when Jesus comes back?
A: *Jesus will make all things new.*

Kids (1-6): Q: What will happen when Jesus returns?
A: *Jesus will destroy all evil and make all things new.*

This Week’s Family Reading Plan

for Preschoolers: *Jesus Gave the Great Commission**

Day 1: *John 6*

Day 2: *Matthew 19:16-30*

Day 3: *Luke 15-16*

Day 4: *Luke 17:11-37, 18*

Day 5: *Mark 10*

*Preschool readings are taken from *The Big Picture Interactive Bible Stories for Toddlers, New Testament* (B&H Publishing Group), available at Amazon.com & LifeWay Christian Store.

Key Passage for Unit 36: “The God Who Makes All Things New”

Preschoolers: “Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new” (Revelation 21:5, *Christian Standard Bible*).

Kids (1-6 grade): “Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new” (Revelation 21:5, *Christian Standard Bible*).

Northway’s Family Ministry uses *The Gospel Project* to help preschoolers, kids, and students grow in their knowledge of Scripture and of Jesus Christ, about whom it was all written (Luke 24:44-49).



Adventure Token Coupon

Fill this out and bring it to Bible Study for your tokens!

I worked on learning my big picture question and key passage _____.

I read my Bible at home _____.

Child’s Name _____.

Parent’s Signature _____.

30 BIBLICAL BASICS

CORE BELIEFS

God | 2 Corinthians 13:13

I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Personal God | Psalm 121:1-2

I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.

Salvation by Grace | Ephesians 2:8-9

I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Authority of the Bible | 2 Timothy 3:16-17

I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God that guides my belief and action.

Identity in Christ | John 1:12

I believe I am significant because of my position as a child of God.

Church | Ephesians 4:15

I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish His purposes on earth.

Humanity | John 3:16

I believe all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Compassion | Psalm 82:3-4

I believe God calls all Christians to show compassion to those in need.

Stewardship | Psalm 24:1-2

I believe that everything I am and everything I own belong to God.

Eternity | John 14:1-2

I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus will return to judge all people and to establish His eternal kingdom.

CORE PRACTICES

Worship | Psalm 95:1-2

I worship God for who He is and what He has done for me.

Prayer | Psalm 66:18-20

I pray to God to know him, to find direction for my life, and to lay my requests before him.

Bible Study | Hebrews 4:12

I study the Bible to know God and his truth, and to find direction for my daily life.

Single-mindedness | Matthew 6:33

I focus on God and His priorities for my life.

Total Surrender | Romans 12:1

I dedicate my life to God's purposes.

Biblical Community | Acts 2:44-47

I fellowship with other Christians to accomplish God's purposes in my life, in the life of others, and in the world.

Spiritual Gifts | Romans 12:4-6

I know my spiritual gifts and use them to fulfill God's purposes.

Offering My Time | Colossians 3:17

I offer my time to fulfill God's purposes.

Giving My Resources | 2 Corinthians 8:7

I give my resources to fulfill God's purposes.

Sharing My Faith | Ephesians 6:19-20

I share my faith with others to fulfill God's purposes.

CORE VIRTUES

Love | 1 John 4:10-12

I am committed to loving God and loving others.

Joy | John 15:11

Despite my circumstances, I feel inner contentment and understand my purpose in life.

Peace | Philippians 4:6-7

I am free from anxiety because I have found peace with God, peace with others, and peace with myself.

Self-Control | Titus 2:11-13

I have the power through Christ to control myself.

Hope | Hebrews 6:19-20

I can cope with the hardships of life because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ.

Patience | Proverbs 14:29

I am slow to anger and endure patiently under the unavoidable pressures of life.

Kindness/Goodness | 1 Thessalonians 5:15

I choose to be kind and good in my relationships with others.

Faithfulness | Proverbs 3:3-4

I have established a good name with God and with others based on my loyalty to those relationships.

Gentleness | Philippians 4:5

I am thoughtful, considerate and calm in dealing with others.

Humility | Philippians 2:3-4

I choose to esteem others above myself.

The 30 Biblical Basics are the skeleton of a person being formed into the image of Jesus by His Spirit (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18), a helpful framework for the Christian's thoughts, actions, and character. As we commit ourselves to growing in Christ through the process of spiritual formation, we pray these statements become increasingly true of us. When they are, we'll be able to carry out the biblical mandate to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27), and to truly **love, live, and lead like Jesus.**