

Steps to Christ

But let none deceive themselves with the thought that God, in His great love and mercy, will yet save even the rejecters of His grace. The exceeding sinfulness of sin can be estimated only in the light of the cross. When men urge that God is too good to cast off the sinner, let them look to Calvary. It was because there was no other way in which man could be saved, because without this sacrifice it was impossible for the human race to escape from the defiling power of sin, and be restored to communion with holy beings,--impossible for them again to become partakers of spiritual life,--it was because of this that Christ took upon Himself the guilt of the disobedient and suffered in the sinner's stead. The love and suffering and death of the Son of God all testify to the terrible enormity of sin and declare that there is no escape from its power, no hope of the higher life, but through the submission of the soul to Christ.

The impenitent sometimes excuse themselves by saying of professed Christians, "I am as good as they are. They are no more self-denying, sober, or circumspect in their conduct than I am. They love pleasure and self-indulgence as well as I do." Thus they make the faults of others an excuse for their own neglect of duty. But the sins and defects of others do not excuse anyone, for the Lord has not given us an erring human pattern. The spotless Son of God has been given as our example, and those who complain of the wrong course of professed Christians are the ones who should show better lives and nobler examples. If they have so high a conception of what a Christian should be, is not their own sin so much the greater? They know what is right, and yet refuse to do it.

Beware of procrastination. Do not put off the work of forsaking your sins and seeking purity of heart through Jesus. Here is where thousands upon thousands have erred to their eternal loss. I will not here dwell upon the shortness and uncertainty of life; but there is a terrible danger--a danger not sufficiently understood--in delaying to yield to the pleading voice of God's Holy Spirit, in choosing to live in sin; for such this delay really is. Sin, however small it may be esteemed, can be indulged in only at the peril of infinite loss. What we do not overcome, will overcome us and work out our destruction.

Adam and Eve persuaded themselves that in so small a matter as eating of the forbidden fruit there could not result such terrible consequences as God had declared. But this small matter was the transgression of God's immutable and holy law, and it separated man from God and opened the floodgates of death and untold woe upon our world. Age after age there has gone up from our earth a continual cry of mourning, and the whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain as a consequence of man's disobedience. Heaven itself has felt the effects of his rebellion against God. Calvary stands as a memorial of the amazing sacrifice required to atone for the transgression of the divine law. Let us not regard sin as a trivial thing.

Every act of transgression, every neglect or rejection of the grace of Christ, is reacting upon yourself; it is hardening the heart, depraving the will, benumbing the understanding, and not only making you less inclined to yield, but less capable of yielding, to the tender pleading of God's Holy Spirit. {33.2}

**Speaker: Pastor Dale Barnhurst**  
**"Trinity: Jesus Our Savior"**  
**Date: January 13, 2018**  
**SERMON NOTES:**

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### Prayer Requests

Brenda Armbruster, Steve Armbruster, Richard Barker, Mary Bien, Virgie Canque, Rachel, Ron, and Teresa Clark, Mike Connors, Larry and Leah Clubb, Wayne Fussell, Charlotte Geier, Mary Grupe, Linda Hoffman, Jack Koonce, CATHY LOFINK, Ramona Lofink, Diana McMahan, Dave Meeker, Doug Murray, Richard Musil, Cwayita Ntsikeni, Dane O'Neil, Janice Pattinger, Elaine and Larry Pipes, Judy Record, Gary Reeves, Tammy Ripley, Nilsa Rogers, Danny Thompson, School Board, Renee Van Deursen, Kim Weaver, Aretha Willbourn and for Success in the Mission Field. *Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. Ephesians 6:18*



### Prayer Meeting Every Wednesday

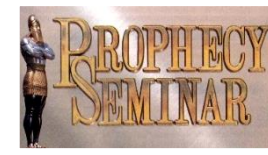
Join us for a Fellowship meal at 5:30 PM prior to the Prayer Meeting.

Prayer Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

**Special Need—** The Donnellson group with Everett Smoot's vision started a radio station. Rose of Sharon Radio station was up and running and then had a frequency problem and had to be shut down until we can purchase a FCC certified transmitter--\$3000. If he doesn't get it up and going before next March they will cancel the radio license.

If you would like to donate toward this ministry, please ear mark your tithe envelope: Rose of Sharon Radio. This can be sent to the Donnellson Church or given at your local church.

Two **NEW** sessions are held twice a week, every week, at Oakhill SDA Church. One New Session on every Tuesday Evening at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall and another New Session on every Sabbath Morning from 9:30 AM to 10:30AM in Fellowship Hall.



Photos from the Women's Retreat "Changed Lives; "God's Secret to a Total Makeover" that was held on Sunday, September 24, 2017 Can be viewed at:

<http://oakhill22.adventistchurchconnect.org/gallery.php?album=8&>

Platform Duty Assignments for January and February are on the church website and posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway.

## Women's Ministry Meeting Tomorrow at 11AM



Vespers will resume next week January 20th @ 2:00 p.m. At our first meeting we will view and discuss, "Cultivating Faith". Please join us and bring a friend. Let's have a year filled with spiritual growth!



"...Come over into 'Macedonia' and help us..."  
*Acts 16:9*

Adventist Community Services St. Louis asks you to volunteeryour time, your talent, your prayers, and your loving support!

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