

Strengthened & Built Up

Monthly Musings from Pastor Greg

On a recent Sunday evening Lisa and I had the privilege of having a sleep over for three of our four grandchildren. Late Monday morning, as I was checking my email, my oldest grandson approached me with some items in his hands. These items had come from a drawer where I store special keepsakes and mementos. As my grandson approached me he asked, “BaBa, now what is it I get when you die?” A little stunned, I was about to respond when I could see the “wheels turning in his head.” I watched and waited, anticipating him to say something profound like, “But Baba I would rather have you than your things.” Fat Chance!! Instead, with his eyes gleaming and a big smile on his face he said, “And I get a lot of Daddy’s things too when he dies!” Ouch!! I love children and their transparency.

The Lord had opened a moment of ministry, not only for him but for me as well. I explained to Brylan that while he would appreciate and enjoy “the stuff;” its real purpose was to remind him of the person it came from and remember them with love.

Yet, I am much more like this child than I care to admit. I peruse all the things of God’s creation and ask, “Now God, what is it I get?” I too am more enamored by “the stuff” than I am with the Person it all comes from; yet, every good gift from God’s gracious hand is meant to be enjoyed. Proper enjoyment, however, always results in remembering and praising the Giver and esteeming Him more than the gift. Because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we get much more than God’s “stuff,” we get God!!

Blessings as you prepare for worship this Lord’s Day,

Pastor Greg