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"To receive **Pastor Ron's weekly email**, please text or email your email address to him-<u>PastorRon@eppingbible.org</u>"

It is that time of year - snow shovel sign-up is in the foyer!

Join us at 9:00 am every Sunday for the continuation of the study of the book of John.

Saturday, April 5 - 9-1 - EBC membership class. See Pastor Ron.





March Focus:

Jon & Rachel LaMontagne (Camp Maranatha, NH)

Nathaniel & Danielle Shrift (Ethnos 360, Brazil)

- ++Please pray for Hank as he is scheduled for surgery on March 10.
- **++**Please pray for Scott Webber's cousin, Ellen, who had lung surgery, for physical and spiritual healing.

Continue to pray for Mac and family. They received a good report from the latest testing.

Please continue to pray for Patrick for health & restoration.

Please pray for Todd & Kimberly Harris that God would provide housing for them. They live in Virginia and were members at EBC for 12 years.

Please pray for our Awana program and all those involved.

Please continue to pray for Tim & Gerri for ongoing strength and comfort.



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March 2, 2025

The Messiah's Masterclass

John 4

But He needed to go through Samaria.

John 4:4 (NKJV)

Join us for lunch downstairs after the service.

Sundays: 8:00-8:45 am - free breakfast 9-11:15 - Awana

9:00 am - Bible Emphasis groups 10:00 am - Morning worship

This week:

Monday - 6:30 pm - FBI at the church.

Tuesday - 6-7:30 pm - Men's & Women's small groups in Merrimac.

6:45 pm - Tues. evening men's group - contact Pastor

Russ.

Wednesday - 6:30 pm - small group at the parsonage.

- 7 pm - Wed. evening men's group - contact Pastor

Russ.

Thursday - 2:15 - 3:15 pm - Women's Bible study at the church.

Contact Barb at 603-401-9785 for more info.

Saturday - 8 am - Couple's Group - contact Pastor Russ.

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Serving Christ by Serving You!

Epping Bible Church Sunday, March 2nd

The Messiah's Masterclass - John 4

Grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense (Getting what we don't deserve - God's special favor)

***Everyone we meet has a need for God's grace!

The Messiah's Masterclass - John 4

- ***Jesus referred to as "Lord" (verse 1 Jesus is God)
- 1. Jesus _____ the need for grace vs. 1-4
- Verse 4 But He (Jesus) needed to go through Samaria.

Why did He need to go? God had a purpose...to show one individual (and ultimately the whole town) grace!!

- Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.
- 2. Jesus _____ out with the need for grace vs. 5-9
- Verse 7 Jesus said to her "Give Me a drink."
- Verse 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jesus starts the conversation...even though she was... Also see verse 27

- 1. A Samaritan v. 7 (half Jew/half Gentile traditionally hated by the Jews)
- 2. A woman v. 7 (generally didn't have open conversations in public)
- 3. Jesus _____ to her need for grace vs. 10-14
- Verse 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you 'Give me a drink' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."
- Verses 13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."
- *** Jesus was always so focused on the person's spiritual needs.
- *** Always point people to Jesus.

The Bible teaches that salvation is a free gift...not earned or deserved. Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (not earn & yearn).

The Bible teaches that this free gift of salvation must be received by faith. John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (receive & believe)

- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- *** Salvation is free...but it wasn't cheap (Jesus paid the price for all of our sin

on the cross) - Rom. 5:8, Titus 3:7

- *** The answer to her question (from verse 12) Yes! :)
- 4. Jesus _____ her need for grace vs. 15-18 John 8:11 - Jesus w/ the adulterous woman

Verse 18 ...for you have had five husbands and the one whom you now have

is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.

- *** She was a sinner (Rom. 3:23) in need of a Savior (Rom. 3:24)
- Verse 23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Verse 24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- 5. Jesus _____ (to her questions about) her need for grace vs. 19-26

 Verse 24 God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Verse 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

***What keeps so many of us from sharing our faith w/ others? Having to answer their questions. (expect silly & distracting questions)

This should be a good motivation to get in God's Word daily!

II Tim. 2:15 Be diligent (KJV study) to present yourself approved to God, a

worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- I Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.
- 6. Jesus _____ in their response to their need for grace vs. 27-42
- Verse 35 "Do you not say 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest?' Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the

fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

Verse 42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that

this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

7. Jesus _____ a nobleman's son in his need for grace - vs. 43-54 Verse 49 The nobleman said to Him "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

Verse 50,53 Jesus said to him "Go your way; your son lives". So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and he went his way...And he himself believed and his whole household.

*** This was Jesus' second "sign" that He did.

Goal: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18a).