

## Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering will be a week from today on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Following the Gathering we will start a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** utilizing "the GIFT". We are requesting registration by today so that we can plan childcare. Register here: [LINK](#). *Please pray about someone (family, friend, young adult, teenager) you think would benefit and encourage them to attend.*
- Our annual Safe Environment training will be before and after the October Gatherings.
- [GodsDelight.org](#) content: [Jubilee](#); Prayer Meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), & [teachings](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, TX 75222.

## Reflection

As I prayed about the readings today, the basic Gospel message came to mind loud and clear. It is possible I am influenced by the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminar and my desire for the Community to once again be an active part of bringing renewal to North Texas. My prayer is that every member of the Community actively pray about joining in with what the Holy Spirit is doing in our area at this time.

The [First Reading](#) and the [Responsorial Psalm](#) lay the foundation of the Gospel message making God's infinite love for us abundantly clear. There is nothing that we have done that God will not forgive if we but turn to Him and choose life. We need to hear this ourselves every day, especially in the morning as we start our day and rededicate ourselves to live today for Him! Our friends and families, especially those who may have never given their lives completely over to God, need to hear this from us (in word and deed). The unconditional love of the Father, who is always there for us if we but turn from our past and choose Him is SO basic a message, yet it holds us back time and again. As we ponder these two readings, let us make sure there is nothing in our life that is holding us back from taking a step closer to God and turn toward our loving Father with a humble heart.

The [Second Reading](#) completes the Gospel message by explaining the transformation possible by accepting Jesus' example and living as He teaches us.

He is our Lord and Savior and gave up everything to show us the way... "he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." There simply is no other way, no other path to eternal life than rejecting the world, the flesh, and the devil and choosing life, choosing whatever cross God places before us, and counting on the power of His Holy Spirit to empower us! This is Jesus' example. Our power will flow from our intimate relationship with Him as our words and actions "*confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!*".

May this be our daily and ongoing witness such that we are asked 'what makes us different?'; 'why are we so joyful?'; 'what is the basis of our hope?'...may our lives prompt such questions so that we have numerous opportunities to witness the transformation of our life and the impact that our surrender to Jesus and our baptism in the Holy Spirit have on the way we live.

The [Gospel](#) today is our encouragement to persevere. Despite our age, health, resources...the message is that we must persevere in building His Kingdom! Even if we catch ourselves passing on a prompting from the Holy Spirit it is never too late to choose Him, to say Yes, to do the right thing, to love, to encourage, to build up a brother or sister, to witness our faith.

As I mentioned in my letter last week, it has been some time since we had as many new people attending our Gatherings and expressing interest in learning more about God, His Word, and His Holy Spirit. The readings today provide further encouragement for us all to be active in supporting the [Life in the Spirit Seminar](#) that starts next week. Invite someone, offer to volunteer, let us all work to being renewal to North Texas. If you are willing to serve, please contact Bob Montgomery at [life-in-the-spirit@godsdelight.org](mailto:life-in-the-spirit@godsdelight.org) or me.

Let us pray, "*Heavenly Father, I am so grateful for Your infinite, unconditional love. I repent of anything that may be holding me back from following Jesus' example. I recommit to living totally for You and doing everything I can to bring as many souls to heaven as possible. I love You!*"

God Bless,

David