



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

Believers are appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship | 12:00PM - Fellowship Meal (4th or 5th Sundays)

Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

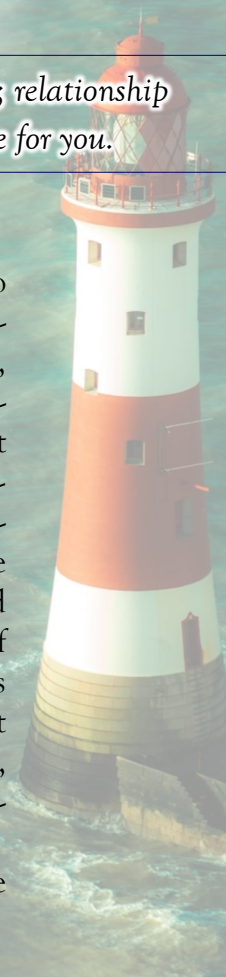
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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

A CHRISTIAN'S TRANSFORMATION

Do you know what God thinks about you? As a Christian, God is transforming you into the likeness of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18 — ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.). God is pressing His people into a Christ-shaped mold. You may say, "I don't think God is transforming me into anything!" But brethren, we must remember that God can and will transform anyone and anything according to His mighty will. It doesn't matter where you are in life, God can still bring transformation out of any situation (2 Corinthians 5:17 — ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!). When we received Jesus and were baptized into His church, He didn't just forgive our sins, He changed our nature. Of course, this transformation isn't an easy process, partly because the world is trying to press us into its own mold. In order to be transformed into the image of Christ we must resist being conformed to this world. Paul writes, "² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing, and perfect will" (Romans 12:2).

I think it's important to know who we are and who God thinks we are. Stay with me
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WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 58—A Wonderful Savior

Song No. 288—Only In Thee

Song No. 406—I Will Pray

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 403—A Blessing In Prayer

Song No. 175—The Lord's Supper



- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 283—I'll Be Listening

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 293—Yield Not To Temptation

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPARTING TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

GOD STILL SPEAKS
HEBREWS 1:1-4



• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Exodus 15:1-15; Proverbs 22:2; 2 Chronicles 36:16; Proverbs 5:12; Luke 10:16; Proverbs 14:31; Ecclesiastes 5:8; Nehemiah 5:7; Deuteronomy 16:20; Ezekiel 28:2, 6-8

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) Problems Still Exist / (2) Faces May Have Changed / (3) What Do We Believe?

- I. God Has Spoken
 - A. God Speaks Through The Word
 - B. Must Evaluate In This Light
- II. God Has Spoken By His Son
 - A. Various Times And Ways
 - B. His Final Message In Christ
 - C. That Word Was Confirmed
- III. His Word Is Powerful
 - A. Scripture So Teaches
 - B. It's Power

CONCLUSION — (1) Be Careful / (2) Don't Harden Yourself / (3) Don't Refuse His Word

• INVITATION •

WED NIGHT STUDY

5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

Please Join Us When Possible!

— Problems The Church Faced —



— JULY & AUGUST —

- NO FELLOWSHIP MEALS •

THE LADIES HAVE OFF FOR JULY & AUGUST!

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here – if what you think God thinks of you is not what God actually thinks of you, then you become what you think God thinks of you instead of what He actually thinks of you. What? That means that what we think about ourselves matters! And it's important to call ourselves what God calls us. We're the "elect." The Greek word for "elect" is "eklektos" meaning to be chosen or selected for God's divine purpose. This word is often translated as "chosen." Matthew records the words of Jesus in the parable of the wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1-14) and concludes in verse 14 with: "¹⁴ For many are invited, but few are chosen" (emphasis mine) (See also Matthew 24:22; 24:24 24:31; Mark 13:20; 13:27; Luke 18:7; 23:25; 1 Peter 2:6; and Romans 8:33 – in each case, at least in the NIV, "eklektos" is translated "Chosen"). God calls us His elect! God has chosen us to be transformed into the image of His son!

So, we're told that our old self has died (Romans 6:8) but as humans, we all still sin and yet, sin was broken by the power of the cross. Then we're told in 1 John 3:6 that, "⁶ No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him." That statement then, begs the question of how can this transformation (old to new) be possible? Where does this transformation begin and what makes it possible? Well, I believe it is only possible if it begins in the mind and heart.

Paul says that we are transformed by the renewal of our minds (Romans 12:2). This transformation is an inside-out transformation. Too often we focus on changing our actions, instead of our attitudes. That's exactly what many of the Pharisees did. They were overly concerned with externals while their hearts were deteriorating – fading

toward death. Since they focused solely on external righteousness to the neglect of their hearts, they became like cups that are clean on the outside but filthy inside (Matthew 23:25-9). They were like pretty caskets full of dead people's bones. They looked good on the outside, all polished and shiny with a glorious arrangement of casket flowers adorning the top, but their hearts were hollow.

When Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi, he realized that their problems with regard to unity were merely symptoms of a deeper problem. Paul addressed the real problem and offered advice to fix the issue in Philippians 2:1-11: "¹

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each

of you to the interests of the others.⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory

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CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE, MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven!
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronaviruses, Flues & Other Deadly Sick-nesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Coun-tries

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY:

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ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER
AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME
*A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,
[1], AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW
MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED
IN THE BULLETIN*

JULY 14

- ◇ Families Of Four Camden Teenagers — They were involved in a stolen truck accident. Two were treated and released, one had serious injuries and one died. ^[NEW]
- ◇ McMeans, Cody [Melanie & Wendell McMeans' son] — He been without electricity since Hurri-cane Beryl passed through the Houston area. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane — She continues to have falls, nearly all at home. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smith, Betty — She's been feeling fairly poorly, off and on, as of late. ^[NEW]

JULY 7

- ◇ Dye, Joyce [Melanie McMeans' sister-in-law's mother] — She passed into eternity Friday, June 28 at age 89. ^[01]
- ◇ Families Affected By A Camden, Arkansas ex-plosion at a weapons facility Wednesday, July 3 Two were injured and one was killed. ^[01]
- ◇ Green, Dory Ann [Tom Woodard's 29-year-old granddaughter] — The procedure to implant tubes in her ears was Tuesday, June 25. All is well and she is recovering nicely, hoping her ears will finally "pop." ^[01]
- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] — She was supposed to have had the brain floor rebuild this past Wednes-day, July 3. ^[01]
- ◇ Meeks, David [Brother of Deanna Glaze, a friend of the Watkinses'] — He's very recently been diagnosed with over 30 separate brain cancer tumors making his cancers inoperable. ^[01]
- ◇ Neill, Mason [Marble Falls CoC's minister's 20-years-old son] — He's very recently been diag-nosed with a cancer tumor on his left shoulder.

He will have to have surgery as his cancer (Chondro Sarcoma) is a type that is extremely resistant to chemo and radiation. ^[01]

◇ Saldana, Dan [The father of Casey Cole, a friend of the Watkinses'] – He is scheduled on July 8th or 9th for colon cancer removal surgery. ^[01]

◇ Smoot, Deborah – She's to have cataracts surgery. She had her preop clearance Tuesday, July 2. Her surgery is scheduled for Friday, July 12. Afterwards (2 weeks) she'll have her other eye done. ^[01]

◇ Vela, Alex [Ruane Renninger's grandson] – He was out walking his dog when both were hit by a car. Alex's dog was killed and Alex suffered a concussion and other injuries – he is not doing well according to Ruane. ^[01]

◇ Woodard, Pat – Update: She actually blacked out and THEN fell at the train station to go to the airport in Ireland. She hit her head, requiring stitches. She saw her doctor last week who ran some tests but nothing conclusive was detected to explain her black out. She's at home doing fairly well. ^[01]

JUNE 30

◇ All have been updated and moved to a more recent date. ^[02]

JUNE 23

◇ Dadd, Jaime [Tom Woodard's co-worker at Castle Hills] – She's just learned that she has breast cancer at age 30. ^[03]

◇ Shaw, Nancy [Betsy Watkins' longtime friend] – Her cancer markers have not been good. She's started a different infusion for her liver as the old one wasn't working. ^[03]

◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She headed back to Arkansas this past Friday. ^[03]

JUNE 16

◇ Brown, Jason [Ronda Spicer's son] – He is currently looking for employment. ^[04]

◇ Evans, Kamryn [Tom Woodard's great niece] – She recently had sinus surgery and *Praise To GOD!* all went well. ^[04]

◇ McMeans, Velma [Wendell McMeans' mom] – Since she fell while gardening a few weeks ago, she's fallen twice more – once while getting out of bed and once when stooping to pick something off the floor. Needless to say, she continues to have considerable pain in her back. She's scheduled to have an MRI on Tuesday, Jun 18. ^[04]

◇ Spicer, Ronda – She is to have right knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, August 7. ^[04]

◇ Torres, Donna [Laura Gardner's son's girlfriend's mother] – She was released from her hospitalization due to her operated upon lung filling with fluid and running a temperature. She's still in a significant amount of pain. ^[04]

ONGOING

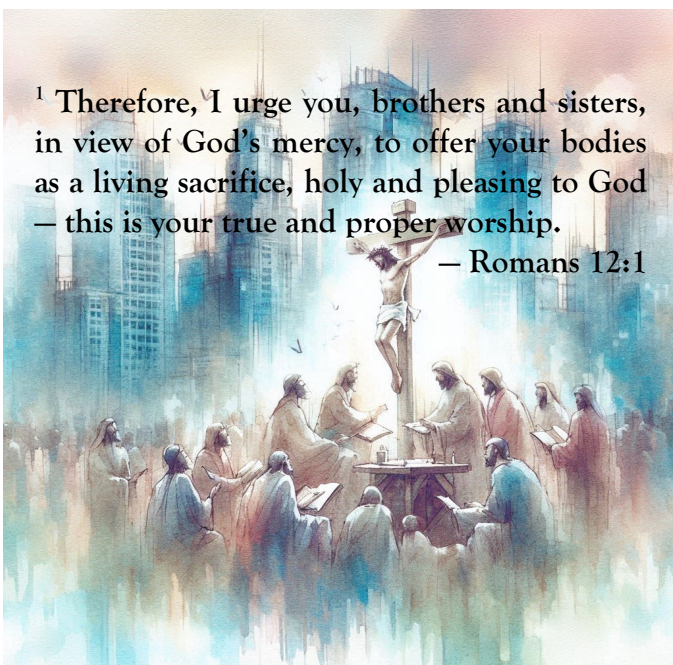
NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Active Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Alderman, Roy ^[11]; Barron, Pat Family ^[15]; Bentley, Sage ^[11]; Bonin, Danny ^[12]; Bonin, Donna ^[12]; Bridgewater, Rebecca ^[13]; Brown, Hunter ^[20]; Brown, Stephanie ^[21]; Brown, Tina & Gardner, Sterling ^[09]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[25]; Burris, Gloria ^[18]; Burris, Joyce ^[15]; Vela Cheryl's granddaughter Olivia ^[15]; Corren, Jan ^[25]; Delaney, Sophie ^[26]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[08]; French, Missae ^[11]; Green, Marvin ^[27]; Green, Sonia ^[23]; Haby, Casey ^[13]; Gail Kuehler's sister ^[10]; Gibbon, Tucker ^[10]; Lloyd-Brown Family ^[08]; Lopez, Emily ^[17]; McLay, Carla ^[20]; McLay, Gary ^[20]; McMeans, Justin ^[06]; Misty-Last Name Unknown ^[07]; Montalvo, Louie ^[11]; Norris, David Family ^[25]; Orr, Dan ^[06]; Parra, Rudy ^[12]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[21]; Renninger, Ruane ^[06]; Slaughter, Ron ^[12]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[24]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[24]; Smoot, Bailey ^[12]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[17]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[13]; Smoot, Jeremy ^[12]; Smoot, Randy ^[16]; Sparks, Janice ^[14]; Street, Brian ^[07]; Strunk, Billy ^[06]; Strunk, Lea ^[06]; Vela, John & Cheryl ^[13]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[17]; Vierling, Gene ^[11]; Watkins, Betsy ^[11]; Watkins, Mitch ^[11]; Welsby, Chris ^[22]

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of God the Father” (emphasis mine). Transformation begins in the mind and extends to our mannerisms. It begins in the heart and extends to our habits. It begins in our attitudes and extends to our actions. Are your mannerisms, habits and actions showing you how well your transformation is going? Is it showing a transformation, regardless of how fast or slow, of which God would approve? Brethren, we must allow Jesus to live in us as Paul declares in Romans 8:9: “⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.” (emphasis mine) (see also 1 Corinthians 6:19; Colossians 1:27; and 1 John 4:15).

Fortunately for us, God’s mercy and grace mean we don’t get what we deserve. Even so, we are not the temptations we resist, we are the values we embrace. Hebrews 4:15 tells us, “⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet He did not sin.” It isn’t sin to be tempted – noble character doesn’t mean we’re not tempted – it means we choose our values over our temptations and every time we do so, our transformation takes us closer to the ideal – Jesus Christ. **E**



¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

— Romans 12:1

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

SCRIPTURES ON JESUS LIVING IN US

1 Corinthians 6:19 – ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

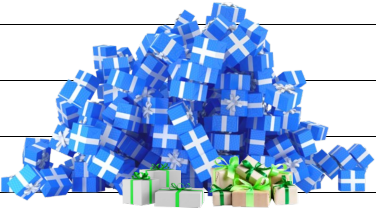
Colossians 1:27 – ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1 John 4:15 – ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

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ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

	Wendell & Melanie McMeans	July 20	Anniversary
	Pam Fintel	July 27	Birthday
	Tom Woodard	August 1	Birthday
	Carlene Vierling	August 7	Birthday
	Gene & Carlene Vierling	August 8	Anniversary

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And August 8, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

———— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ——— Church Stuff ———

4th OR 5th Sundays		"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)
Every Thursday		Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.
Sun–Jul 21		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>The New Covenant</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Jul 28		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Are You Persuaded?</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Aug 4		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>What Happens At Death?</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Sun–Aug 11		IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>XXX</i> – for channel: searchtv.com
Fri Sat Sun– Sep 27-28-29		Women Of Joy Conference @ San Antonio – Theme: <i>He Must Become Greater; And I Must Become Less</i> Early Bird Rate: \$129 For Entire Conference [womenofjoy.org]

———— Non-Church Stuff ——— Non-Church Stuff ——— Non-Church Stuff ———

Every Tuesday		Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)
3rd Mondays		VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM
Sun–Jul 14		National ¹ Mac & Cheese & ² Tape Measure Days Barn Day
Mon–Jul 15		Orange Chicken Day National ¹ Tapioca Puddy & ² Give Something Away Days
Wed–Jul 17		National ¹ Hot Dog & ² Peach Ice Cream Days
Thu–Jul 18		National ¹ Sour Candy & ² Caviar Days
Fri–Jul 19		National ¹ Raspberry Cake Day & ² Stick Out Your Tongue Day
Sun–Jul 21		National ¹ Ice Cream & ² Junk Food Days



GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ♦ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ♦ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ♦ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ♦ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ♦ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ♦ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ♦ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ♦ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ♦ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ♦ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

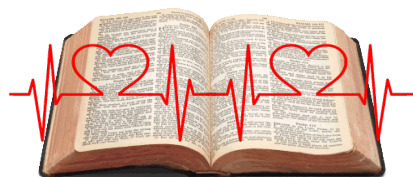
ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Jul 14 - Mic 1-7
MON	Jul 15 - 2 Chr 28, 2 Kgs 16-17
TUE	Jul 16 - Isa 13-17
WED	Jul 17 - Isa 18-22
THU	Jul 18 - Isa 23-27
FRI	Jul 19 - 2 Kgs 18:1-8, 2 Chr 29-31, Ps 48
SAT	Jul 20 - Hos 1-7

Mic = Micah | Chr = Chronicles | Kgs = Kings
Isa = Isaiah | Chr = Chronicles
Ps = Psalms | Hos = Hosea

WANT TO BE

Part Of The Local Family Of Christ?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

THREE POWERFUL PRAYERS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:16-19— [I] “¹⁶do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,”

Psalms 25:4-5 — ⁴Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. ⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

Psalms 19:13-14 — ¹³Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.