

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "Grasping the Benefits of Having the Son"

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#### WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Read from Scripture what the Ultimate Father did. "For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever, believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Those who receive the Father's gift, receive all the Father has. The Bible gives us this wonderful truth, "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an

heir." (Galatians 4:1-7) Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life." Sin means death. Christ means eternal life. John 10:27-28 says, "My sheep know my voice and I know them and they follow Me and I give unto them eternal life."

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die."

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#### Someone Who Will Listen



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Got the recording again? Press one for this, two for that; how can we get a real person? Today it is difficult to find someone who will listen. Unfortunately, it does not seem that the trend toward depersonalization will reverse itself in the foreseeable future. Perhaps we should look to God; we can set aside regular opportunities for meditation and prayer that set the spiritual tone for our entire day. How incredible it is that God always has an ear for us! Visit His House to learn about the importance of prayer and worship. God is never too busy to hear your wishes and worries...anytime, anywhere. God will always listen.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1.1-17	Habakkuk 2.1-20	Habakkuk 3.1-19	Haggai 1.1-15	Haggai 2.1-23	Psalms 104	Psalms 105
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