"THE TWO "THIEVES" OF THE GOSPEL. Tertullian said, "Just as Christ was crucified between two thieves, so this doctrine of justification is ever crucified between two opposite errors." Tertullian meant that there were two basic false ways of thinking, each of which "steals" the power and the distinctiveness of the gospel from us by pulling us "'off the gospel line" (Gal. 2:14) to one side or the other. These two errors are very powerful, because they represent the natural tendency of the human heart and mind. These "thieves" can be called moralism or legalism on the one hand, and or relativism or antinomianism on the other hand."
Tim Keller

*The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple. This is demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.*

Order of Worship

January 14, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, light's living Spring, true Day, all days illumining:

Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above,
And pour the Holy Spirit's ray on all we think or do today.

And now to You our prayers ascend, O Father, glorious without end;
We plead with Sovereign Grace for pow'r to conquer in temptation's hour.

Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies, let Him, our perfect Morn, arise,
The Word in God the Father one, the Father imaged by the Son.

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You and for Your Name's sake, be gracious to us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen~

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Gospel Renewal is a time we use to re-mind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His obedience we are justified, and by His death are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.

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Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.

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*For **assurance of pardon**, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". – Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

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Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.
Amazing love, now flowing down.
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;
As grace flows down and covers me.

Chorus: It covers me, it covers me,
It covers me and covers me.

(Repeat All / Repeat Chorus)

And covers me.
And covers me.

The Blessing

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*The purpose of our time of **greeting** is to fulfill the command in Romans 15:7 "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

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Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones. Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done.

Chorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you!

O come, bitter and broken. Come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love.

O come, guilty and hiding ones. There is no need to run
See what your God has done.

(Chorus)

Bridge: He's the Lamb who was given. Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe.

(Repeat)

So come, though you have nothing. Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done.

(Chorus 2x)

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power,
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Chorus: Every tongue in heaven and earth, Shall declare Your glory;
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship; You will be exalted O God;
And Your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.

(Repeat Verse and Chorus)

Bridge**:** Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare to Your matchless worth,
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

(Chorus)

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Now that we have reenacted the story of the gospel as a church community. We now ***experience the renewal*** *merited for us by Jesus Christ. We express this renewal in our singing praises to Jesus for His great mercy towards us.*

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Pastoral Prayer

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Jesus, our shepherd, prays with us and for us. We pray the ***pastoral prayer*** *expecting the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus' benefits to us as He prays for us.*
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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom
And the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Our God

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty,
Glory and honor and power
Belong unto our God.
(Repeat)

Holy and righteous and true,
We give our praises to You.
Merciful Heavenly Father
There is no other like You.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty,
Glory and honor and power
Belong unto our God.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **The First Misuse of the Law**
Text: **Romans 7:1-6**
Theme: **The Cancer of Legalism**

Intro:

I. **The Roots of Legalism**

II. **What Legalism Looks Like**

III. **The Only Antidote to Legalism**

Conclusion:

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Since Jesus Christ has committed Himself to us in the laying down of His precious life, we are reminded of this in the preaching of the Word and likewise called to a daily, ***deepening commitment*** *to follow after Him.*
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Receiving tithes and offerings *is not an "add on" to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel. You will find baskets for your tithes at the rear of the sanctuary.*

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Guidelines for the ***Lord's Supper*** *can be found on the next page of this bulletin.*

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The ***Benediction*** *is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.*

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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His Name.

(Chorus)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(White grape juice or red wine is available; and gluten-free bread in the smaller plate.)

Benediction

Guidelines: Reception of the Lord's Supper at Spring Meadows

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians.

We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

The Lord's Supper: Words of Institution and Instruction
Setting Apart of the Elements / Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Please hold the elements and we will partake of them together. We use both wine and white grape juice in the celebration of Holy Communion. Please note that the outer ring of the tray is white grape juice, and the inner rings are wine.

Silent Prayers if not Communing: *Prayer for those Searching for Truth*

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank You that my sin and rebellion are Yours and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that You died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord and I await Your return when I will see You face to face. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children not yet Communicant Members

Lord Jesus, thank You for placing me inside Your family, the church. Help me to know You, to love You, and to follow You as Your faithful disciple. Amen.

Making Contact

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At Spring Meadows, the work of knowing, feeding, leading, and protecting the flock of God is divided among the Shepherding Elders. We encourage all members of the church to reach out to their **Shepherding Elders** often. They want to pray with and for you! If you do not have a Shepherding Elder, please email the church office.

Shepherding Elders / Deacons:
Elders……elders@springmeadowspres.org
Deacons……..……..…deacons@springmeadowspres.org

Sermons may be *found* online on our Sound Cloud page:
https://soundcloud.com/smpc-las-vegas-nv/

Sermons can be *heard* live online at 11AM every Sunday:
https://springmeadowspres.org/resources/sermons

Download the SMPC "**Connect**" App on your mobile device.
https://springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com or scan **QR Code.**

Complete **SMPC Survey** online under *Contact* or scan **QR Code.**

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Servant Schedule:

Greeters:	Beverly J. & Kris S.
Coffee Station:	Janice Love
Nursery:	Benette Sevilla
Church Nursery	Gwennan Turner

If you are interested in serving the body at Spring Meadows and would like more information on where and how you can serve, please contact the church office for information.

Current Sunday School Offerings:

Adult Sunday School: 9:30AM - 10:15AM
Series: The Solas of the Reformation
Title: Sola Scriptura
Teacher: Ron Warren

Pre-K 9:30AM – 10:15AM
Series: Jesus is God's Son
Title: God Sends John
Teacher: Eun-me Phillips

Grades (K-2) 9:30AM – 10:15AM
Series: Genesis 25-50
Teacher: Stephen & Brittany Fichter

Grades (2-5) 9:30 – 10:15AM
Series: Exodus
Title: Aaron and Moses
Teacher: Gwennan Turner

Grades (6-12) 9:30 – 10:15AM
Series: Implementing God's Word:
Title: Biblical Relationships
Teacher: Jeff Williams

If you are interested in serving alongside our current volunteers in the Children's Ministry at Spring Meadows, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.

Children's Ministry Contacts:
Overseeing Elder- danphillips@springmeadowspres.org
Nursery Scheduling- hmtb37@gmail.com (Hannah B.)

Upcoming SMPC Events

- **YOUTH GROUP: Middle School & High School Students.** We are working to get our Youth Ministry off the ground at SMPC. We currently offer Sunday school lessons for Middle & High School. Our goal is to also host youth group meetings. Contact Christian Bland or refer to our website. Help us get our Youth Ministry started >fill out our **Survey** online > **springmeadowspres.org/youth-ministry/**
- **MEN'S 7AM Book Study on "PLEASING GOD"** by RC Sproul meets at the Church Property every other Saturday. This book discussion is led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Books & Schedule are in Men's Book Study Cubby.
- **LADIES' Galatians Bible Study** will resume this week and run until mid-March. There are three different studies, **Wednesday** or **Friday** morning at 10AM or **Thursday** 6PM. Friday morn provides **childcare**. It is not too late to join this study. Always perfect timing to be in God's Word. Please see Bark K or Karen G. The cost of both books is $12 total.
- **MEN & WOMEN'S** ongoing book study**: "Institutes of the Christian Religion"** by John Calvin is led by Deacon Walt Kwasniewski, **Fridays 6:30P-8P** at SMPC. Bring your own copy of this magnum opus to the study.
- **Women's Progressive Dinner** is now scheduled for Saturday **March 23rd.** Stay tuned for more details from the Women's Ministry.
- **Women's 2 Day Conference!** Ladies> Save the Date! **April 12 & 13** @ Church Property. Stay tuned for more information. Save the Date Flyers available.
- **NextSTEP Ministries Clothing Donations** are collected on the 1st Sunday of every month. Please leave your new or gently used clothing, backpacks, shoes, hats for men or women in the back of the NextSTEP Ministries truck parked in the parking lot. Contact: Deacon Walt.
- **SMPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** (4) consecutive Sundays during the Sunday School hour, **9:30-10:15a**. If you are interested in learning about being a Member of SMPC, sign up for the next class! Use the clipboard in New Member's Cubby in the back or contact the Church Office directly.
- **SMPC Directory:** If you have not already, please send in your contact information and a photo of yourself and your family if you would like to be included in the SMPC Directory.

Events are listed on various SMPC Calendars: *Springmeadowspres.org, Gmail and our Church App>Springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com*

Community Groups at Spring Meadows

At Spring Meadows, we understand that believers are called to "*Build up one another*".
To make this happen, we meet in Community Groups around Las Vegas to worship Christ, train for ministry, and pray for the kingdom of God together.

Please contact a
Community Group leader from below for up-to-date information.

North

Elder Dan Phillips
danphillips@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Central

Elder Ed Kelley
edkelley@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Green Valley

Elder Rick Vetanovetz
rickvetano@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
4:00PM – 6:00 PM

1 Thessalonians 5:11
"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

Information

Prayer Requests: contact your Shepherding Elder or email Church Office**.**

Spring Meadows Website: https://springmeadowspres.org/
*****Bulletins are posted on our website by the Thursday prior to the Worship Service along with Sunday School Information and Upcoming Events.

Children's Ministry: If you have a willing heart to serve our little sheep during Sunday School or Worship, either as assistant or teacher, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.

Worship Team: If you have been gifted with musical talent (playing an instrument, singing) or would enjoy working on the audio/visual side, contact the Church Office as we desire to expand our Worship Team.

Coffee Station: If you have a heart for hospitality and are wondering how you can serve the body at Spring Meadows, please consider being on a rotating schedule for the management of the Coffee Station at the back of the Sanctuary. Contact the Church Office for details.

Women's Library: On the SMPC Ladies Bookshelf, you will find books for women on several subjects, plus info on Women's ministry. Books are to be signed out.

Cash Donations: There are small envelopes at the back of the church, in the top left cubby. Please be sure to indicate if your offering is Tithe or Benevolence.

Family Update Form: If you have not already, please be sure to submit your completed Family Survey online https://springmeadowspres.org/contact-us/2023-smpc-survey/.

NextSTEP Ministries: Clothing, Shoes and Handbag donations for men, women and children are collected the 1st Sunday of each month. Donations can be left in NextStep Ministries truck bed, parked in the parking lot. See Deacon Walt K for additional info.

New Member Class: If you are interested in attending the next class, please sign up online via ChurchTrac Connect App or at the back of the Sanctuary. You will be contacted by the church office when the next class is scheduled.

**Please be sure to notify the Church Office of any announcements for the upcoming bulletin ahead of time. Deadline is 9AM, the Wednesday prior to the following Sunday.*

January 2024 Events

Thursdays: Prayer Chain Email is Sent
Fridays: "Institutes of the Christian Religion" Men & Women Discussion

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1/6: Men's Book Study: Pleasing God
1/6: Session Meeting
1/6: Women's Council Meeting
1/7: NextSTEP Ministries Collection Day
1/15: The Week that Women's Galatians Bible Studies Resume
1/20: The Final 'Pleasing God' Men's Study





1st - Jessica K.	19th - Alex K.
4th - Teri A.	20th - Paul H.
6th - Jeff W.	20th - Cameron D.
7th - Aidan C.	20th - Karen G.
7th - Jeff C.	21st - Catherine K.
7th - Ron W.	23rd - Jude S.
9th- Elise D.	24th - Zeke M.
10th - Eliza M.	26th - Sakura G.
16th- Cora K.	28th - Rebecca U.
17th - Karen M.	



29th - Scott & Grace J.

Thank You to all those that are currently serving and utilizing your gifts in one way or another at Spring Meadows!!!

Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in learning more about the following Teams or if you would like to join one:

***Greeter Team*, *Coffee Station Rotation*, *Children's / Youth Ministry Team*, *Hospitality & Special Events Team*, *Pot(no luck) Providence Team* or *Worship & Sound*.**















Trust in the Lord
with all thine
heart; and lean
not unto thine own
understanding.
In all thy ways
acknowledge Him
and He shall
direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6