

**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD  
AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!**

If you are visiting this morning, please fill out the insert for visitors and prayer requests and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions about the church, please contact us at 443-3940.

*The purpose of the Wahoo Community Church is to glorify Christ, by proclaiming Christ and presenting each person mature in Christ through the teaching of the Word of God.*

**March 21, 2021**

**Call to Worship – Creation Sings the Father’s Son  
Our Great God**

**Scripture reading and Prayer – Psalm 63**

**Worship in Song**

**Prayer and Scripture Reading – 1 John 1:5-2:6**

**Song of Preparation – Is He Worthy?**

**Message – John 3:16-21 An Obedient Trust in Jesus**

**Pastor Scott Carlson**

**Hymn of Response – Trust and Obey**

**Benediction**

**THIS WEEK**

			<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>PRAYER</b>	<b>WCC</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>WCC</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>PRAYER</b>	<b>WCC</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE</b>	<b>WCC</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>MEN’S BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>WCC</b>

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mar. 21 - Megan Bryan

Mar. 28 - Kristin and Ellen Carlson

April 4 - Ali Meyer and Kennedy

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- Community Bible Study will be at the Meyer's house in Colon, Thursday 3/25 @ 6:30 PM. All are welcome!
  
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our Good Friday Soup Supper at 6:00pm. The Soup will be provided. We are asking you to bring side dishes and desserts, please.

If you would like to contribute to the Benevolence Fund please put your gift in the Offering Box by the sanctuary doors. Thank you.

**Giving to WCC** is now possible through Tithely, an online giving portal for churches. Options include via a web browser, texting or Apple app. Links to these options have been added to the sidebar on the WCC homepage: <http://www.wahoocommunitychurch.org>. Please contact Weldon Hoppe if you have any questions.

**Please let pastor Don know if your birthday and/or anniversary have not yet been added to the Monthly Calendar Birthday & Anniversary List or if a correction needs to be made to one of the lists Thank you.**

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## THE CHARACTER OF SAVING FAITH

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John 3:18-21

From: Scott Carlson

March 21, 2021

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### INTRODUCTION: A RECURRING ERROR

#### **John 20:30, 31**

So then, many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name.

The bedrock of Christianity is belief in the person and work of Jesus Christ, but what does it mean to believe?

#### **Sandemanianism (Bare Faith)**

Saving faith in Jesus is nothing more than a simple assent to the truth of God's work through Christ, not an exercise of the will nor an effusion of affection.

#### **Easy Believism (Free Grace)**

True saving faith is mental assent to the truth that Jesus is the Christ the son of the living God. Good works do nothing to merit, maintain, or prove eternal life.

#### **True Salvation**

1. God causes a person to be born again. John 3:8
2. The response of a born-again person is faith. John 3:14, 15

#### **Faith**

Knowing, resting, trusting, placing confidence and finding satisfaction in someone or something.

3. The object of our faith is Jesus.
4. The response of a born-again person is character shaped by grace.

**Proposition:** God causes people to be born-again to a believing faith in Jesus so that they will prove a character shaped by grace.

? What does it mean to have a character shaped by grace?

## **I. FAITH IN JESUS PROVES PARDON FROM JUDGMENT, VV. 18, 19**

### **A. THE ONE BELIEVING IN JESUS IS NOT CONDEMNED, v. 18**

#### **1 John 5:1a**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God...

#### **Romans 8:1**

Therefore there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:16, 18; 8:35

### **B. THE ONE NOT BELIEVING IN JESUS IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, v. 19**

? Why are they judged already?

1. They Haven't Believed In The Only Son of God.
2. Jesus Is Light And Their Deeds Are Evil.

John 1:5, 9; 8:12; 9:5

## **II. EVIL DEEDS PROVE REJECTION OF JESUS, VV. 20, 21**

### **A. THE ONE PRACTICING EVIL HATES THE LIGHT, v. 20**

? Why do people who sin hate light?

? Why do people lie when confronted with a sin?

They lie to themselves.

#### **Proverbs 30:20**

This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wrong."

They even lie to God.

### **Luke 16:15**

And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Ephesians 5:11-13

## **B. THE ONE "DOING" TRUTH COMES TO CHRIST, v. 21**

? What does that mean?

It doesn't mean that we are without sin.

### **1 John 1:8**

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

We consistently walk in obedience to God's Word.

### **John 8:32**

"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

### **John 17:17**

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

### **1 John 1:6**

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

### **1 John 2:4**

The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

Any sin we commit is pardoned by the blood of Jesus.

### **John 14:6**

Jesus \*said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

To practice the truth means that we actively follow Jesus.

### **John 18:37b**

"...Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

If you are able to lie, there is no end to the evil that you can perform. If you are willing to tell the truth, no sin on earth can make you dirty in God's eyes.

## **1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Your faith and works aren't the active agents of life change and salvation, but the willing response of a heart that has been transformed by God.

It is all of God's grace.

## **CONCLUSION: THE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES OF "FREE GRACE"**

? What is the big deal if we truly understand the nature of being born again?

1. We create a weak church filled with believing unbelievers.
2. We give and claim false hope.
3. If being born-again doesn't bring about real life change, then what is the point? Why would I want that?

## **APPLICATION**

? Have you been lying to yourself and others about your sinful condition?

? Are you afraid to come to Jesus because of the embarrassment it would cause you to admit your wrongdoings?

? Believer, do you confess your sins to God and when necessary to people against whom you have sinned?