

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE:

WORK MATTERS:

You Matter to God

March 23, 2008 – Easter Sunday



GOD SAYS I MATTER TO HIM BY ...

I. _____ THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” — Romans 6:23

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” — Romans 5:8

“[God] has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.”— 2 Timothy 1:9

II. _____ FOR HIS PURPOSES

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living... .” — Ephesians 1:11

“[Jesus says] My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.” — John 10:10

III. _____ TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.” —1 Peter 4:10

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” — Matthew 5:14

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘Plans to prosper you, not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.’” — Jeremiah 29:11

For Reflection / Action: Have I personally received God’s gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, or am I still running or hiding from God? What are the consequences of being separated from God (Rom. 6:23)? What is the benefit of being reconciled to God? Am I allowing God to use me for His purposes or am I trying to carry out my own plans? Who can I bless by sharing this message of hope we have in Jesus?