## Living in freedom

Galatians 2:11-21

Peter was interested in the approval of men.

The appeal of approval is contagious.

The law cannot justify

Motivation for life is found in love and grace.

#### Considerations for the week

Hypocrisy defined:

a pretense of having a virtuous character or belief that one does not really possess

We see it all the time but may not use the word. Describe circumstances when this pretension has occurred and the results of the pretense.

**Peter's hypocrisy, v.11-14.** What does Paul say about Peter's actions? Discuss your reactions to the encounter and how matters were handled. How did these events affect other Christians?

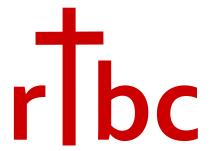
Comment upon a time when someone was criticized publicly (with or without justification) and how it turned out. What is the role of self-righteousness in this context?

**Crucified with Christ, v. 20.** What does it mean to God that we are crucified with Christ? What does it mean to us? Describe how these realities affect our daily lives.

Consider the extent to which our experiences of Christian faith may be connected with what others think of us. Also consider the effect of our self-righteousness and that of others.

Purpose now to seek – and to accept – the even deeper and more intimate personal relationship with God provided for you in God's grace and love.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh . . .

Romans 8:3, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

1 John 1:9
Philippians 1: 6
Galatians 6: 9-10
Ephesians 4:1-4

## Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at <a href="mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org">prayer@rtbchurch.org</a> to let us know how we may pray for you.

**Rice Temple Baptist Church** 

### Today's order of service

Prelude, Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Call to Worship

Hymn, Almighty

Confession and assurance

Hymn 191 in the hymnal There Is Power in the Blood

Hymn 473 in the hymnal, Victory in Jesus

Hymn, Who You Say I Am

Offertory
Reading
Hymn, I Speak Jesus

Message

Hymn of response 202, Amazing Grace

Benediction

Postlude, Lead On, O King Eternal

# **Weekly events**

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm pre-registration required

Wednesday

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm – Menu: meatballs with mushrooms, pasta, vegies, salad, dessert Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm Will resume in the fall:

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun Kids' Music Class

Joy Program: conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, handbells — will resume Thursdays in the fall

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am. Meets next week, August 9.

Sunday morning
Adult Bible study, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:45 am
Children's Church at sermon time

#### The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

**BLAST!** and **Mom's Day Out**Registration is now open for our children's programs for the new school year.

**CCSC** Volunteers are needed to help with school supplies and clothing for needy children. Friday-Saturday, August 1-2. Contact the office for details.





**All-Church Pool Party** August 10, 5-8 pm Contact the church office for details

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.