

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - is now in a townhome in the Palo Alto area recuperating after receiving bone marrow while at Stanford hospital. Please pray for continued healing and strength and peace for the family.

Ryan Evans - has been discharged from the hospital. Pray that his pain will subside, his pseudocyst will shrink and for healing to be 100%. Pray for strength and peace for his parents, Chris and Doug as they care for Ryan.

Julie Tobin - has a pulmonary embolism in the right lung and is at Dominican. If the clots do not dissolve in 3 months, she will need surgery.

Roxy Walters - is hospitalized at Dominican because of a blood clot in her lung. Pray that the blood clot will dissolve without any further complications.

Jan Staffa - had surgery on Feb 10th. Pray for complete recovery.

Tim Beverly - is having hernia surgery at UCSF on Feb 18th. His recovery is expected to be at least 8 weeks. Pray for complete healing.

Barry Schneider - is having shoulder surgery on Feb 19th. Pray for complete healing and an uncomplicated recovery.

Kathy Holderman - is at Dominican due to an infection following a previous surgery. Pray for complete healing.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Charlotte Burk (95 yrs), Sabra Cossentine's mom - went to heaven on Feb 4th, her 95th birthday. Sabra is so thankful that she asked Jesus into her heart last December. There will be a small family memorial service for her in Southern CA where she lived for 58 years.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



REV

TOTALLY WORTH IT

REVELATION 5

RENÉ SCHLAEPFER | FEBRUARY 13 & 14

DO YOU RELATE?

- I'M HAUNTED BY UNWORTHINESS
- I FEEL TRAPPED IN A SELF-DESTRUCTIVE CYCLE
- I DON'T FEEL WORTHY OF GOD'S LOVE
- I'M NOT CERTAIN I'M GOING TO HEAVEN
- I HAVE LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Then I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. I saw a **mighty angel** proclaiming with a loud voice, "**Who is worthy** to open the **scroll** and break its seals?" Revelation 5:1,2

1. THE PROBLEM: _____

But no one in heaven, or on earth, or under the earth, could open the scroll, or even look inside it. **I wept and wept** because **no one was found worthy** to open the scroll or look inside. Rev. 5:3,4

There is **no one** righteous, not even one... All have turned away, they have together become **worthless**... all have **sinned** and **fall short** of the **glory of God**." Romans 3:10,11,23

2. THE SOLUTION: _____

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." Then I saw a **Lamb**, looking as if it had been slain, standing **at the center of the throne, encircled** by the four living creatures and the elders... Rev. 5:5,6a

Lamb: Used _____ times, most frequently used name for Jesus in Revelation

WHAT JESUS DID

They sang a new song, saying: “**You are worthy** to take the scroll, and to open its seals; because...” Rev. 5:9a

• HE _____
“... You were **slain**...” Rev. 5:9b (See Romans 3:25)

• HE _____
“With your blood you **ransomed** for God persons from every tribe...” Rev. 5:9c

• HE _____
“You have made them to be a **kingdom** and **priests**...” Rev. 5:10
(See 1 Peter 2:9)

3. THE RESULT: _____

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were singing, “**Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Rev. 5:11,12

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen.’ And the elders fell down and **worshiped**.”

THE BOTTOM LINE: AM I FOCUSED ON WHAT _____
OR ON WHAT CHRIST _____ ?

THIS WEDNESDAY

Join Pastor Paul Spurlock for our weekly REV: EXTRA Bible study series, digging deeper into the Book of Revelation! That’s just one of the adult electives offered Wednesday nights at TLC. Also Awana and youth group! Dinner: 5:30; Classes at 6:00 pm.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Rev. 5:12

DAILY MEDITATIONS BRIEF DAILY DEVOTIONS RELATED TO TODAY’S TOPIC

Monday: Read Rev. 5:1-4; also Romans 3:10,11. People long to be assured of heaven when they die. So we try to earn our way to heaven, or think if we belong to the right group, then we’ll get in. But John here realizes no one is worthy. How do the verses in Romans parallel this thought? Before we get to the good news tomorrow, ponder this: Why is this realistic, humble view of my need for God healthy for me? See Luke 18:9-14. *Today admit to God in prayer that, if left to your own devices, you are a sinner in need of a savior.*

Tuesday: Read Rev. 5:5-6. Jesus is pictured here as both a lion and a lamb. In what ways does Jesus show qualities of a lion? Of a lamb? The number “seven” signifies completeness or perfection, so the “seven eyes” mean that Jesus sees all, and the “seven horns” signify he has perfect power (horn = strength). He is omniscient and omnipotent. How can this encourage you? Read John 1:29. First-century readers would be familiar with the idea of a sacrificial lamb. Is there any modern example you might use to explain Christ’s sacrifice to pay our sins? *Give thanks to the Lamb of God!*

Wednesday: Read Rev. 5:7-9. One beautiful detail here: The prayers of God’s people are visualized as incense in golden bowls. Your prayers are precious to God! What does verse 9 say Jesus did? The word “purchased” or “ransomed” means he redeemed us from a slave market and set us free! How does that make you feel? This same thought is echoed in Romans 3:23-25 and 1 Peter 1:18,19. God gives us our freedom, purchased at great cost—the blood of Jesus. How is this different from the way many people perceive the message of the Bible? *Praise God today, as the elders do in these verses, for what Jesus did!*

Thursday: Read Rev. 5:10 and 1 Peter 2:9,10. The Bible says a lot about what Jesus does for us. We read here that He changes our identity! How are you described in these verses? No matter what people say about you, or do to you, here on earth, God says you are royalty. God says you have a priestly role, too. In what ways do we serve as priests of God? *Praise God today for what He has done for you and ask Him to help you walk through this day as a royal priest of God!*

Friday: Read Rev. 5:11-14. Ask yourself: Am I focused on what I have done in my past, or must do in my future, to be “worthy” of love or salvation... or am I focused on what Christ Jesus has already done for me? *Today spend some time praising Him - use these songs in Revelation 5 as a starting point!*

Saturday: Today please meditate on the weekly memory verse. Please pray for the weekend services: That God would be glorified as we tackle a difficult but revealing passage in the Book of Revelation!