

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
2 Peter 3:18*

Sermon Notes

Title: “Functional Faith” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 2 Samuel 15:1-37

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 3:1-12

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

In Tenderness

Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 3:3-14 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 31

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #30 and #33, Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ed Baker

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able.

Yahweh supplies his people with a functional, not perfunctory, faith.

I. A perfunctory faith v. 1-12

II. A functional faith v. 13-37

Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?