

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS 22**  
**My Plan to live As God's Child**

**I. Opening - Attendance - Announcements**

**SPEAK TOGETHER OUR MEMORY VERSE - 2 Corinthians 5:15-And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

**II. REVIEW -**

1.     **A B C D**     We have been studying about 'Growing as a Disciple - a Child of God.' What this has meant is a) growing more childish, b) growing more mature as God's child, c) whatever the pastor says, d) all of the above.
  
2.     **A B C D E F**   The different Units have been on a) believing, b) growing, c) serving, d) Sharing, e) all of the Above, f) none of the above.
  
3.     **T F**         Ways to grow include Bible Study, worship, the Lord's Supper, baptism, and prayer.
  
4.     **A B C D E F**   Ways to serve include a) helping the needy, b) helping other Christians c) obedience to God and just authorities, d) keeping the 10 commandments, e) all of the above, f) none of the above.
  
5.     **A B C D**     What is heaven like? A) No more trouble or pain, B) God is there, c) Room for everyone, D) All of the above.
  
6.     **A B C D**     What is hell like a) Everlasting destruction, b) separated from God, c) fire and torment, d) all of the above.
  
7.     **T F**         The Bible says all who believe in Jesus as their savior from sin have eternal life, and all who do not believe are condemned to hell.
  
8.     **T F**         God wants us to tell others about Jesus.
  
9.     **T F**         Going to heaven is the most important thing in a person's life. That is why we want to tell others about Jesus, so they go to heaven and not to hell.
  
10.    **A B C D**     Our job is to a) convince others about Jesus, no matter what, b) faithfully share Jesus and let the Holy Spirit work faith, c) take care of ourselves, d) none of the above.

**III. Review - PLEASE REVIEW OUR WORK FROM THIS WEEKEND (Those who did not attend camp give answers first. Then, those who attended Camp give answers from camp.)**

A. **WRITE DOWN** ways you can be prepared to give an answer (with words) about your hope.

**( 1 Peter 3:15-But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE. But do this with gentleness and respect. )**

1. What do you know about Jesus?

2. How Has God loved you in Jesus?

3. What is your hope because of Jesus?

**B. What are SOME ways to be gentle and respectful and prepared, and not to be gentle and respectful and prepared.**

**Prepared and / or gentle**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Not Prepared or Gentle**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**C. What are SOME ways to Show faith in Action**

**Show Faith in Life**

- 2.
- 2.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Not Show Faith in Life**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Think about the 5 people you know who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior. Or who don't go to church?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray for them silently now.** Think how your WORDS AND ACTIONS can tell them about Jesus.

IV. TODAY'S WORK - A PLAN TO LIVE FOR GOD

A. SPEAK AGAIN TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE 2 Corinthians 5:15-And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

1. T F If I want Jesus to die and rise for me, I have to 'live for Him' first. I have to obey the commandments and love others.
2. T F Jesus died for me because He loves me. I may not respond to His love by living for Him. But He still died to save me, even if I don't receive it.
3. T F God calls me to 'live for Him' so that He will love me.
4. T F God calls me to live for Him because He loves me.

B. Look above at the Review. Consider

- What I know about Jesus, and what Jesus has done for me.
- How Jesus calls me to BELIEVE in His love, and GROW in my faith.
- How Jesus calls me to SERVE Him and others as a child of God, a mature Christian.
- How Jesus calls me to SHARE Him with others by my *Words* and *Actions* as a child of God, a mature Christian.

C. Now work on a plan. Everyone take 10-20 minutes, think and pray, and start writing out the answers to the questions below. Answer these a) because of what God has done and tells me, and b) in a way that is personal to me.

1. Why I want to serve God ( God's love that makes a difference for me.)
  
2. How I want to believe and grow.
  
3. How I want to 'live for Him' in my home and community.
  
4. How I want to 'live for Him' in His Church.
  
5. How I want to 'live for Him' in my job.
  
6. How I want to 'live for Him' when I leave home as an adult.

7. Special gifts I have that I want to use as I live for Jesus.

**MEMORY VERSES**

- Two Weeks Ago:**     **John 3:16-"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**
- Last Week:**     **John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."**
- Retreat:**     **I Peter 3:15-But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.**
- Retreat:**     **Matthew 28:19-20-"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**
- Today:**     **2 Corinthians 5:15-And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

**ASSIGNMENT:**     **Next week turn in your essays!**

**ATTENDANCE**

## Confirmation Essays

CONFIRMATION ESSAY- **DUE MARCH 5** (Handed out February 13, worked on February 23 at the Retreat)

Each person in this class is to write an essay for the class, due March 7th!!!! The essay should be **no more than** 200 words and written on the theme on one of two themes -

- I. **"How I Want to Live As a Child of God."** This essay should include
- a. *How has God loved me and made me His child?*
  - b. *How I want to live as God's Child*
  - c. *How I want to serve God in His family - in His Church.*

Or

- II. **My Favorite Bible Verse** This essay should include
- A. What my favorite Bible verse is.
  - B. What this verse says about God's love for me.
  - C. Why this is my favorite Bible Verse.
  - D. How I want to live for God.
  - E. (This could be your confirmation verse)

These essays will be edited by the pastor and student working together, and then read on Confirmation Day.

Please remember

- Confirmation Day is March 30
- Confirmation Banquet is March 28

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## CONFIRMATION VERSE POSSIBILITIES - 2008

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

\*Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

\*Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. (NIV)

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

\*Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation -- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life -- of whom shall I be afraid?

\*Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 50:15 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

\*Psalm 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Psalm 103:8-14

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 1:7 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Isaiah 53:4-6 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

\*Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- Matthew 7:7-8 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.
- Matthew 20:26-28 "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- Matthew 22:37-39 <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
- Matthew 28:18-20 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- \*Luke 11:28 Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."
- \*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)
- \*John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- \*John 8:31-32 <sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- \*John 10:27-28 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.
- John 11:25-27 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."
- John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
- \*John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- \*John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
- \*John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

- Acts 2:38-39 38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."
- \*Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved -- you and your household."
- \*Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.
- Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 8: 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- Romans 8:38-39 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-10 8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,
- 2 Corinthians 5:14 - 15 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.
- \*Ephesians 2:8-9 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. (NIV)
- Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.
- Colossians 3:23-24 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not

for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching , rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Peter 2: 9-10 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 John 4:10-11 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

\*Revelation 2:10 Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

\* Part of the 20 traditional Confirmation Verses