

LESSON: JEREMIAH 17.13-14

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. 14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 5:16-24

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master,

have mercy on us. 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.



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The Thankful Samaritan

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Psalm 103:2

September 13, 2020

14th Sunday
after Trinity

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WITHOUT COMMUNION
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Today's Usher: *Larry England*

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God by the Pffifers.

THIS WEEK

- Today, 9:15am, Bible class
- Tues, 7:30pm, Voters', Zoom
- Wed, 10am, Bible class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sunday Bible class is live streamed on YouTube as well as live at church.

A 14 TRINITY PRAYER
by *Dr. Martin Luther*

Dear Father, I pray for myself and all the world. Keep us steadfast in your holy word, and do not take it from us because of our sin, laziness, and ungratefulness. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Send true and right workers into your harvest, who will be devout pastors and preachers. Give us all grace that we may humbly hear, receive, and honor your word as your own, and heartily praise and thank you for it. Amen.

NOTES & QUOTES

Faith can be lost. In the Parable of the Sower we read of some hearers: "Which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away" (Lk 8.13; 1 Cor 10.12). Scripture warns against defection as an ever-present danger, and cites examples of those who, at one time converted, lost their faith and again became the children of wrath. Examples: Saul, Judas. "When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die" (Ezk 18.26). It is possible, then, to fall away from grace (Gal 5.4), and to become a castaway (1 Cor 9.27).

Some of the causes why men lose their faith are: *spiritual starvation*, which is

caused by neglecting to use those means by which faith is preserved; *self-righteousness*, which shifts one's trust from the grace of God and the Savior to the merit of one's own works; *philosophic and rationalistic pride*, which will not submit to the authority of God's Word (2 Cor 10.5; 1 Tim 6.20,21); *willful sins against the conscience* (1 Tim 1.19). "One is not to imagine a faith of such a kind as can exist and abide with and alongside of a wicked intention to sin and to act against conscience" (FC, Epit, Art III, 11, Triglote, p. 795).

Willful impenitence in one sin kills faith in the forgiveness of all sins, for faith cannot live in an impenitent heart. (Cf. Apol, Art III, 21, 22, Triglote, p. 161). Sins of weakness do not kill faith, for with these sins there is not present in the heart the willful intention to sin, and they are repented of as soon as they are recognized. But faith and mortal sin cannot coexist.

A lost faith can be restored in a re-conversion, which is essentially the same as the first conversion. "Return, thou backsliding Israel" (Jer 3.12). David and Peter were re-converted (2 Sam 12.13; Lk 22.32, 61, 62). The repentance of the lapsed consists in a reappropriation by faith of the grace of God and of the forgiveness of sins offered through the means of grace. On the part of God, His covenant and promise always stand (Isa 54.10; Rom 3.3), and the penitent sinner may at all times return to them (Jn 6.37; Mat 11.28). - (Koehler, *A Summary of Christian Doctrine*, pp. 143-144)

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Psalms - 18-24
- OT - Jeremiah 13-19
- NT - John 19-21; Acts 1-4