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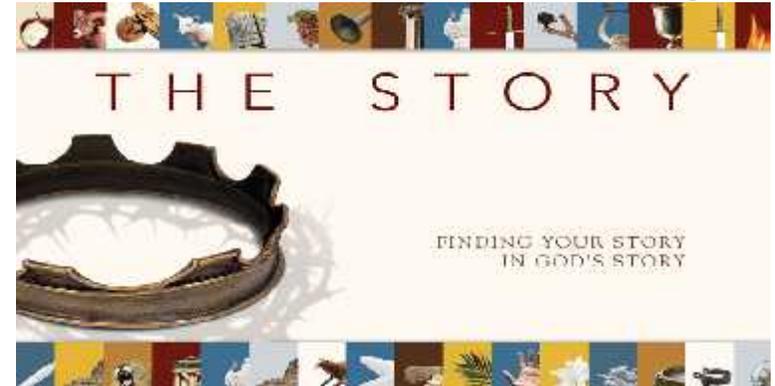
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We are growing spiritually by reading *The Story* together. Each Sunday the message for the adults, and the lessons for the children and youth will be based on what we all read together during the week. Please consider coming back next week and joining in on this adventure through the Bible.

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Mini Series One – God Chooses a People



Chapter Five

New Commands and a New Covenant

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Review: God's vision is to come down and be with us in a beautiful garden. The first two people reject God's vision and are escorted from Paradise. Their decision introduces sin into the human race and keeps us from community with God. At this moment God gives a promise and launches a plan to get us back. The rest of the Bible is God's story of how he kept that promise and made it possible for us to enter a loving relationship with him.

God made a covenant with Abraham to bless the world through his seed. God would use Jesus, who descended from Abraham, to bring mankind back to God.

"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed..." Gen. 22:19

"Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds' as of many, but as of one, 'to your Seed', who is Christ. Gal 3:16

God later made another covenant with the nation of Israel and gave them a law which they were obligated to keep as their part of the covenant.

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Ex 19:5-6

In His Upper Story God will use this Law to point mankind to Jesus, the One who will save us and bring us back to God.

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things," Heb. 10: 1

In what ways did the Old Covenant Law point to Jesus and the New Covenant?

1. Though the creation of a _____

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.” Pg. 63, *Exodus 25:8-9 NIV*

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...” Rev. 3:20

2. Through the _____

“The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”
Hebrews 10:1-4 NIV

3. Through the _____ that mandated both personal holiness and loving behavior toward others.

“But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.” Rom 7:6

“For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!” Rom. 6:14-15



Keep posting thoughts and photos on **The Story @ Christ Street** – put up a selfie of you and someone else from the church reading together – we are giving away a dinner out at the end of the month



Talk with Pastor Gary or Joanna about possibilities and opportunities either in person on Sunday or during the week at 720-556-4092.

