Jesus told them those who heard His voice would live. Those who believed Him would cross from death to life. (based on John 5:24–25)

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It is wonderful how one hears and believes Him, and passes from death to life; it is wonderful in the literal sense, "a wonder." The Eternal, who works wonders, grants us repentance and life when we hear Jesus with a heart that says, "Yes, that is it! Yes! He is what I long for!" Belief may be invisible, but it outdoes all the visible wonders in an earthly lifetime.

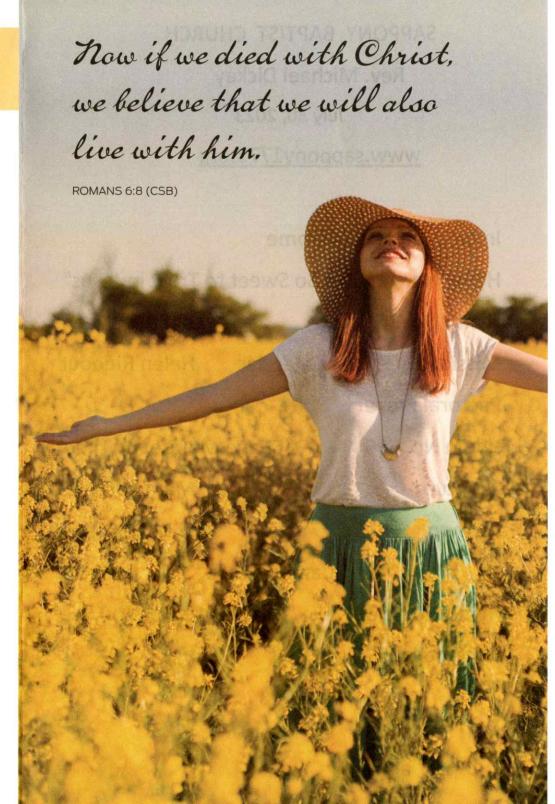
In that moment, when God grants belief, and repentance, and "knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 2:25)—if only we could see as heaven sees. In that moment, the mortal who had been under death's curse passes into immortality. He is transferred from earthly life to "eternal," or everlasting life. Although the John 5 passage promises the ultimate resurrection of those in their graves, His discussion as a whole includes also the spiritually "dead." In the moment man ate of the fruit, we died. And in the moment we hear and believe Jesus, a wonder transpires: we partake of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), escaping the corruption of the world.

The wonder of salvation is so shattering, how can I go even a day without doing as the Psalms repeatedly say ... clapping and shouting for joy? I don't know how it ever comes to feel ordinary. How can I restrain myself from, with all my being, sharing Christ?

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Hymn No. 411 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Hymn No. 301 "I am Resolved"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Helen Rideout

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 606 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Scripture Mark 10:17-31

Sermon Rev. Mike Dickey

"Who Can Be Saved"

Hymn No. 458 "Nearer My God to Thee"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be here with us.

WMU meeting, August 7th at 10:30am in the home of Brenda Robinson.

Join the Petersburg Baptist Association for a fun summer event tonight, Sunday, July 30th at the Chili Peppers game. enjoy a night out with friends and family while watching the best baseball around enjoying great food and being entertained throughout the night. The gate will open by 4:30pm. Two ticket options are available. The \$20.00 meal voucher ticket includes a choice of 2 entrees (Hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog) 1 bag of chips and 1 drink.

If you wish to receive prayer requests by text, please let the pastor know so you can be added to the list.

Missed a sermon? Or just want to hear it again? Our past sermons are available on Facebook and You Tube.