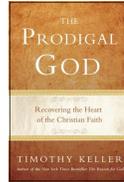


For the Fam...

Welcome

If today is your first time at Jacob's Well we want to extend to you a warm welcome. Make sure to fill out an info card and pick up a welcome pack with some basic information about our new church. We also have a free book for you as a gift from the Jacob's Well family.



Community Happenings

Saturday morning, August 15th we will get together for a time of bowling at the Brunswick Zone on US1 in North Brunswick. **Time:** 10-noon **Cost:** \$2.50 per game, \$4.50 shoe rental. For more info contact Manoj Thomas (MANOJnBEENA@hotmail.com)



Fall Message Series

Many today love to talk smack about Jesus, speak for Jesus or comment about Jesus without stopping to listen to what he actually said to real people, in real time, in the real world. Jesus said many things to many people in all walks of life. He spoke with hookers, conmen, religious people, busy people, adulterers, murderers, the powerful, friends and outcasts. His message is radical and will challenge our paradigms today. Join us **September 27th** for our Fall Launch at Jacob's Well as we let Jesus speak into our world and lives.

Jacob's Well Giving

You can contribute to our mission here at Jacob's Well online at www.JacobsWellNJ.org. Click the "Online Giving" button on the bottom right side of the page where it says "throw in." Of course you can always give on Sundays by placing something in one of the silver paint buckets at the back of the room and at the information table.



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Sunday, August 9th 2009

Hope Arriving...

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.** **3** More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with **the glory that is to be revealed to us...**²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 5:1-5; 8:18, 25 (ESV)

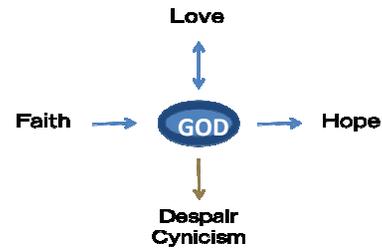


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My Notes

Review

- Cynical or Hopeful?
- Struggle for Hope—God at the Center
- Deepening Hope—Peace
- Deepening Hope—Faith and Grace



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Big Picture

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration

What Do You Look Forward To?

- In this life?
- At death?

Naturalism

Eastern Philosophy

Post Christian Americanism

Jesus' Teaching about the Pilgrim Way

The Kingdom of Heaven/God

Misconceptions of Heaven

Heaven—Intermediate and Final

Now, Not Yet

Revelation 21:1-4 (ESV) - Not a Pipe Dream

Why Wait?

Conclusion

Community Meditation

- How often do you think about the reality of death? I know, it is a bit morbid, but seriously why do we avoid thinking about this?
- What are some of your doubts about the afterlife? What are your hopes about it?
- Name some things you look forward to “in this life”? Are these the greatest hopes we have?
- In what ways have you imagined Heaven? Did you realize that Scripture teaches that heaven will be on a renewed earth?
- Read the description of the new heavens and new earth in Revelation 21:1-4? Try to imagine a world like this? Use your imagination to think about life forever, together, with Jesus in his Kingdom. With no sin, death, suffering or pain. Set your hope fully on him...our wait is short compared to eternity .



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Centered*

*Thoughtfully
Engaged*

*Life in
Community*

*Seeking Justice
and Mercy*

*Joy and Generosity
in Mission*

