

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
July 4, 2021

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Sunday Morning 07-04-2021  
Make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine.  
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Romans 3:22-26 NLT  
<small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. <small><font color="#999999">23</font></small> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <small><font color="#999999">24</font></small> Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. <small><font color="#999999">25</font></small> For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, <small><font color="#999999">26</font></small> for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/rom.3.22-26.NLT>

Colossians 4:2-6 NLT  
<small><font color="#999999">2</font></small> Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. <small><font color="#999999">3</font></small> Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. <small><font color="#999999">4</font></small> Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. <small><font color="#999999">5</font></small>

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. <font color="#999999">6</font></small> Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/col.4.2-6.NLT>

Series: Make Me a Blessing (Out in The Highways and Byways of Life)

Series Big Idea and Invitation: It's time to bless the people around us. God seeks for ways to bless everyone with his love, and he wants us to work with him. The Holy Spirit is on the move in Bay County and beyond. Let's follow him into the highways and byways of our community.

Title: Reverse the Curse

Text: Romans 5:12-21

If you know and care about a young adult between 20 and 35 years old, raise your hand, please. (Even if you're participating online and I can't see you.)

SEE THEIR FACES.  
HEAR THEIR VOICES.  
LIST THEIR NAMES.

Romans 5:12-21 MSG

<font color="#999999">12</font></small> You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in "first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses. So death, this huge abyss separating us from God, dominated the landscape from Adam to Moses. Even those who didn't sin precisely as Adam did by disobeying a specific command of God still had to experience this termination of life, this separation from God. But Adam, who got us into this, also points ahead to the One who will get us out of it.

<font color="#999999">15</font></small> Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man's sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God's gift poured through one man, Jesus Christ, will do! There's no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift. The verdict on that one sin was the death sentence; the verdict on the many sins that followed was this wonderful life sentence. If death got the upper hand through one man's wrongdoing, can you imagine the breathtaking recovery life makes, sovereign life, in those who grasp with both hands this wildly extravagant life-gift, this grand setting-everything-right, that the one man Jesus Christ provides?

<font color="#999999">18</font></small> Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us in all this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and got us out of it. But

more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life! One man said no to God and put many people in the wrong; one man said yes to God and put many in the right. <small><font color="#999999">20â€--â€-21</font></small> All that passing laws against sin did was produce more lawbreakers. But sin didnâ€™t, and doesnâ€™t, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When itâ€™s sin versus grace, grace wins hands down. All sin can do is threaten us with death, and thatâ€™s the end of it. Grace, because God is putting everything together again through the Messiah, invites us into lifeâ€”a life that goes on and on and on, world without end.  
<https://bible.com/bible/97/rom.5.12-21>.MSG

God reverses the curse one person at a time.

Sermon in a Sentence:

Blessings reverse the curse.

Often outsidersâ€™ perceptions of Christianity reflect a church infatuated with itself. â€| many Christians have lost their heart for those outside the faith.

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Fear keeps us quiet about Jesus at first. Then guilt piles on. Followed by discouragement and despair. But love sets us free to bless one person at a time.

The foundation of all blessings is prayer.  
BEGIN WITH PRAYER.

FRANC list  
FRIENDS  
RELATIVES  
ACQUAINTANCES  
NEIGHBORS  
COWORKERS

MAKE ME A BLESSING

1 Out in the highways and byways of life,  
Many are weary and sad;  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain: Make me a blessing,  
Make me a blessing.  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray.  
Make me a blessing to someone today.