



However, as he then went on to explain the deliverance provided, he began with the LORD's character: gracious, righteous, and merciful (Psa. 116:5-6). This perspective changed everything, for by it he saw his new lease on life as a bountiful blessing from the Lord that gave him new opportunity, drove away sorrow, and helped him get back on his feet—a series of blessings we often long for in the moment and yet forget after the crisis has passed (Psa. 116:7-8). Life goes on because the Lord has made that possible (Psa. 116:9). Then, turning his attention once more to what made this possible, he emphasizes that despite his circumstances, his faith in God never wavered, though his confidence in men most certainly did (Psa. 116:10-11). Therefore, having received deliverance through a positively answered prayer, the psalmist asks the question, “What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me?” (Psa. 116:12) and then proceeds to answer in the verses that follow, promising to accept this new opportunity at life as powerful proof of the LORD's care and of how much He cherishes His people (Psa. 116:13-15). Thus, to be the Lord's slave is a position of value one should cherish as well, for there is greater care and honor in serving God than in the greatest awards available for serving self (Psa. 116:16). The opportunity to offer something back to God, considering all that He has done for us, is a monumental blessing itself, a privilege that deserves publicity far and wide (Psa. 116:17-19).

God's people, forgiven of their sins (Eph. 1:7; Acts 22:16), dead to the world (Col. 3:5ff), and living anew (Jn. 3:3-5; Rom. 6:3-4), should embrace this new life that makes living a privilege rather than just some random experience we muddle through. Perspective matters greatly—how you see yourself, your God, and others. So, if you want the best life (John 10:10),...

1. Love the Lord with all your being as long as you live (Psa. 116:1-2).
  2. Recognize what only God can do (Psa. 116:3-4).
  3. Have confidence in God's character and a humble attitude toward yourself and your need (Psa. 116:5-6).
  4. Be at peace and relax, knowing that God is in control and will take care of you, come what may (Psa. 116:7-8).
  5. Live each day knowing the LORD sees you so that you can live each day longing to—one day—see the LORD (Psa. 116:9).
  6. Have such a faith that adversity causes you to trust the Lord more—not less (Psa. 116:10-11).
  7. Recognize spiritual opportunity and seize it (Psa. 116:12-13).
  8. Take spiritual responsibilities—and life—seriously (Psa. 116:14-15).
  9. See yourself as a servant (Psa. 116:16).
  10. Live life with a thankful heart (Psa. 116:17-19).
- These principles are nothing new; they are centuries old, rooted in the very nature of life as God created it. And that is what makes them worth living.

## Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Ray Parks
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #531	<i>Praise the Lord</i>	
Song #93	<i>Christ for the World We Sing</i>	
Prayer		Don Petrosky, Jr.
Song #203	<i>Hallelujah! What a Savior!</i>	
Communion		Russell Haydon Sam Tabet
Song #543	<i>Redeemed</i>	
Song #499	<i>O to Be Like Thee</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #356	<i>Jesus is Tenderly Calling</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Ray Parks
Song #244	<i>Hold to God's Unchanging Hand</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Luke Haydon

### Upcoming Events:

- Today! Potluck Fellowship after morning worship.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Series begins with John Garza speaking to us about the Beauty of Worship

### ...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Eugene & Barbara Haydon, Sherila Petrosky, Bud Bond, Don Walker, Gary Schneider

Remember our college students who are away at school: Zach & Jarrett Haydon, Emily & Courtney Meredith, and Steven Petroksy

Shut-Ins: Robbi George & Butch Crownover

### Wednesday Devotional

July 4-Aug. 29 Summer Series

Attendance: Sunday AM: 43 PM: 28 Wednesday: 20 Contribution: \$3158.46