Pastor's Weekly Devotional- October 22, 2015

"My Heavenly Bank Account"

Do you know that God made available everything for you to live a full life of blessing and godliness? 2 Peter 1:3 tells us: "God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness."

Your heavenly Father has opened a <u>personal</u> account in His bank bearing your name. It is opened 24 hours a day. It offers unlimited funds and unlimited withdrawals. Do you know when this account was opened? It happened the moment you accepted Christ as Savior. God established your personal account with deposits vastly beyond your ability to exhaust.

One major oversight many Christians make is that they don't check to see the balance in their "Accounts of Blessing." You see, THE BIBLE IS YOUR BANKBOOK. It discloses your personal assets in detail. Here's how it works:

- Whenever you are <u>troubled</u>, <u>Romans</u> 5:1 tells you that you have Deposits of Peace.
- When you feel weak, Philippians 4:13 reveals your Deposits of Strength.
- The 2 <u>Corinthians</u> 5:5 entry indicates that "God has given you the Holy Spirit as a deposit"; as a result, "greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4)

And the deposits go on and on to meet all your needs.

But what about the valley experiences? The hard times. Times of trouble and discouragement. Times of despair. Is there a Heavenly Deposit in your Account during those times? YES – THERE IS! Read about the deposit in 2 <u>Chronicles</u> 20:26: "The people assembled in the Valley of Beracah and there they blessed the Lord." **Beracah** means "Blessings" – Valley of Blessings! God can turn your troubles into triumph. He can change your valley experiences in valley of blessings. In <u>Hosea</u> 2:15, God promises that He will change your Valley of Achor (Valley of Trouble) into a Door of Hope.

God has made several deposits in <u>your</u> account. Check your Bank Book - the Bible. Make a withdrawal. This weekend is Reformation Sunday. The focus is on the Bible. Perhaps this would just be the right time to check God's Word about your "deposits."

Have a blessed week. See you in church Sunday. The sermon this Sunday is entitled"

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P.S. This Friday at 6:30 p.m. at church we will be showing a movie on "Martin Luther, the Reformer" in celebration of Reformation weekend.