

Pastor's Post #2

Daily and especially during this Coronavirus Pandemic, we need be reminded of God's blessings. What does the Word of God teach us?

Psalm 85 verse 12 declares: "Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase." (The English Standard Version is used as are all the Bible verses quoted in this document)

God blesses us by blessing the earth (good weather, plentiful harvest). (Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation. Concordia Publishing House. St. Louis, Missouri. 2017. Page 123.)

2nd Corinthians 12:14 states: "For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children."

There is no question that "the 4th Commandment would have adult children provide for aged parents." (The Lutheran Study Bible English Standard Version. Concordia Publishing House. St. Louis, Missouri. 2009. Page 1997.)

But, the basic truth taught in that Word of God is, God gives us parents and other authorities in our life to bless us, to be a blessing to us, for the support of our lives. (Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation. Page 124.)

1 Peter 4 verse 10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

God blesses you and me with our health, our talents, work, family, finances and possessions. (Luther's Small Catechism. Page 124.)

These are gifts from God. In fact, the Greek word in that verse translated "gift" comes from the root of the Greek word for "grace". God graces us with that which we have in life. It is by God's grace or favor that He gives us these "gifts" that we have in life.

"Every blessing of God flows from the fact that He has sent us a Savior from sin." (Luther's Small Catechism. Page 124.)

Romans 8:32 affirms: "He who did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him (Jesus Christ) graciously give us all things."

The Lord blesses you and me and our families and He will continue to do so.

In Christ's love,

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