

## Scripture Reading

### Romans 7:15-25; 8:1, 2

I do not understand what I do.  
For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

And if I do what I do not want to do,  
I agree that the law is good.

As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it,  
but it is sin living in me.

**I know that nothing good lives in me, that is,  
in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do  
what is good, but I cannot carry it out.**

**For what I do is not the good I want to do;  
no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.**

Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I  
who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good,  
evil is right there with me.

**For in my inner being I delight in God's law;  
but I see another law at work in the members of my body,  
waging war against the law of my mind and making me  
a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.**

What a wretched man I am!  
Who will rescue me from this body of death?

**Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those  
who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus  
the law of the Spirit of life set me free  
from the law of sin and death.**

## Anthem Text

### "He Shall Feed His Flock"

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them  
in His bosom, and gently shall lead those that are with young.  
He shall gather the lambs in His arm, and carry them close  
to His heart; and gently, so gently, shall lead those with young.  
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them  
in His bosom, and gently shall lead those that are with young.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Amen.

## Sermon Resources

Are you experiencing abundant joy in your "personal" salvation while unsure if some of your loved ones might suffer throughout all eternity? How is that possible? You see, we Christians have a very serious problem. The problem is in our belief that hell is "eternal" and that most of humanity will go there. Deep inside we know something is not right, but we suppress our questions and doubts because we "think" the Bible teaches it. What inner conflict rages within! It is futile to find satisfying answers to the problem it raises. Jesus commands us to judge for ourselves what is right (Lu 12:57). What is right about a punishment that never ends?

How has this teaching affected the spread of the "Good News"—the Gospel? Think about it, an "eternal" hell...

- Maligins God's character before the world.
- Contradicts His unending and unfailing love for all people.
- Makes our worship stem from fear instead of true affection.
- Denies His unlimited power to accomplish His will.
- Makes man's will greater than God's will.
- Infinitely minimizes Christ's triumph over Satan.
- Denies Christ fully accomplished His mission on earth.
- Violates the divine witness revealed in every conscience.
- Negates the most glorious promises in the Bible.
- Ignores the testimony of the early Church.
- Robs us of peace and joy.
- Affects what will become; like father—like son.
- Hinders world evangelism. (Remember Abdou?)

"Test all things" (1 Th. 5:21). Have you tested this teaching?

Hell is a horrifying thought. Millions have been terrorized by it. If we would truly grasp the horror of it, we would go insane. Can you imagine the horror of suffering "forever?" Who could possibly imagine such horror? What if you or one of your loved ones should go there? Does this thought affect how you feel about God?

This theme...dishonors God before the world. After years of wrestling with this topic, studying the Bible, and reading the works of others, I have found that hell is a judgment given from the disciplinal hand of a loving Father. Though severe, it serves as a good and remedial purpose.

One of our greatest presidents agreed. In *Abraham Lincoln the Christian*, William Johnson stated:

Abraham Lincoln did not nor could not believe in the endless punishment of anyone of the human race. He understood punishment for sin to be a Biblical doctrine; that the punishment was parental in its object, aim, and design, and intended for the good of the offender; hence it must cease when justice is satisfied. All that was lost by the transgression of Adam was made good by the atonement.

It is indeed good news for those tormented over the destiny of lost loved ones! God is good even in his judgments. They are not infinite and horrendously cruel, but just, righteous, and remedial.

—*Hope Beyond Hell*, by Gerry Beuchemin, pp. 15, 16

<http://hopebeyondhell.net/>

*Pastor Henson offers a special "thank you" to those who introduced this book to him.*

## City Church Announcements

**Congratulations!** We congratulate **Terry Bork** on his recent appointment to the post of Superior Court Judge for Los Angeles. Terry Bork, who until recently was deputy district attorney, was one of nine judges just appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to this position.

**Inaugural Organ Concert.** Kemp Smeal will be presenting an inaugural organ concert, to be held at the Church on Sunday September 30, at 4 p.m.

**Used Car Needed.** One of our church members is in need of a used car (in working condition!). If anyone wishes to donate a vehicle and get a tax break for this, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

**Music Concert.** Christian Edition and 5 time Grammy Winner Sandi Patty will perform at La Sierra University Church on September 9 at 7:00. For tickets and info call AMS Agency: 805 955-7682.

**Stories from the Pew.** Sabbath, September 29, is "Stories from the Pew" and we are still looking for your stories. Write or edit a spiritual story of your choice and submit it as soon as possible to be included for this special worship service. For more information, call the Church Office at 818/244-7241.

**"Red Books: Our Search for Ellen White."** *Red Books* is interview-based documentary theater that explores the Adventist community's relationship with its founder, Ellen G. White. Using excerpts from 200 interviews with current and former Adventists, the play travels through the perspective of four generations to create a riveting discussion about leading individuals and symbols within the church. Play performances are scheduled for Loma Linda, San Diego, Glendale (at Eagle Rock SDA Church, **7:30 p.m., Sept. 16, 17, 18**), and Riverside/La Sierra. Information and advance tickets (\$10 adult/\$5 student) are available at 800-236-3641 and through [atoday@atoday.com](mailto:atoday@atoday.com), or, if still available, at the door. Interest and attendance at this program has elsewhere proved to be significant.

## Upcoming Sermons

September 15	David Wood
September 22	Mitchell Henson
September 29	Stories from the Pew

**Sunset tonight – 7:12 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:02 p.m.**

## Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

<b>Prelude</b>	"Meditation"	Howells
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Mitchell Henson
	For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <b>Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.</b>	
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	No. 10
<b>Prayer of Invitation</b>	<i>God, remind us now is the time of your favor, now is the day of salvation. Amen.</i>	
<b>Scripture</b>		Charles Lane
<b>Anthem</b>	"Variants on an Irish Hymn"	J. N. Beck
<b>Worship in Giving</b>		
Morning Offering		Barbara Jones
Offertory		Helene Quintana
<b>Greeting &amp; Prayers of the Congregation</b>		Mitchell Henson
<b>Prayer Response</b>	<i>Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!</i>	
<b>Anthem</b>	"He Shall Feed His Flock"	J. N. Beck
<b>Sermon</b>	"Blame it on Augustine"	Mitchell Henson
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Choral Benediction</b>	"Amen"	H. Helvey
<b>Postlude</b>	"Sinfonia"	J. S. Bach

## Sabbath School Options

Class	Age	Location	Symbols/Leaders
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Prassô	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Leif Lind
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	Marquita Kibble

## Worship Options

Option	Location	Sequence
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

## Activities

Event	Location	Sequence
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine/Jubilate Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

## Church Directory

### Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor  
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries  
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish  
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor  
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor  
Dorin Lataeanu, Romanian Senior Pastor  
Leif Lind, Church Administrator  
Marcos Apolonio, Media Ministries

### Officers

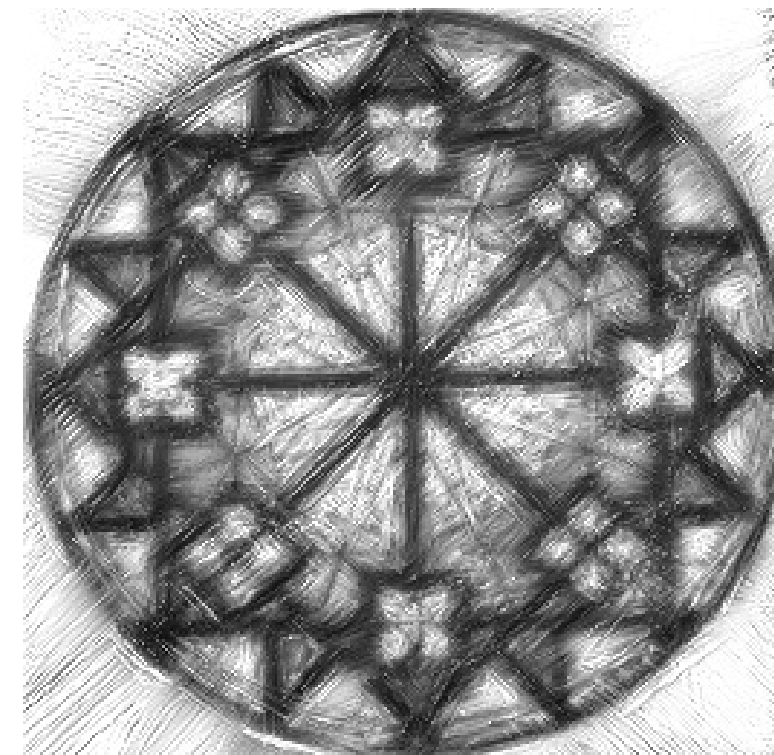
Head Elder	Doug Schultz
Head Deacon	—
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Acting Church Board Chair	Vincent Haynes
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
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Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
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### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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