



SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Burning Ones

God Himself is our inheritance, and a life that abides in His love is transformed, made fruitful, and kept burning through continual surrender.

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 God Himself is the inheritance Jesus purchased for us.

- Salvation reaches the whole person, but its center is restored fellowship with the Father through Jesus Christ. ([1 John 1:3-4](#))
- Healing, provision, and every precious promise flow from His presence; the promises must never replace the One who gave them. ([2 Peter 1:3-4](#))
- God opens His heart and gives Himself without restraint, calling His children to open their hearts to Him in return. ([2 Corinthians 6:11-13](#))

"He is the rewarder and the reward."

STUDY [1 John 1:3-4](#); [2 Peter 1:3-4](#); [2 Corinthians 6:11-13](#)

02 Look upon Jesus until His love settles your identity.

- John did more than see Jesus from a distance; he heard, watched, and handled the Word of life through personal fellowship. ([1 John 1:1-3](#))
- A deeper look into the heart of Jesus exposes the false need for approval, image, status, and belonging from the world. ([1 John 1:3-4](#))

“Look at Him. Because I promise you if you can see the way how He looks at you, it’ll change everything about you.”

STUDY 1 [John 1:1-4](#); [Psalm 126:1-3](#)

03 Abiding in Christ changes our desires and produces lasting fruit.

- Abiding is a continual exchange of fellowship, communion, thoughts, hopes, and desires with God. ([John 15:7](#))
- When His Words live within us, prayer is reshaped by His heart and becomes fruitful rather than self-directed. ([John 15:7-8](#))
- Love, obedience, joy, friendship with Jesus, and fruit that remains all grow from staying in Him. ([John 15:9-16](#))

“You cannot stay the same way you were when you are abiding with God and God’s Word is abiding in you.”

STUDY [John 15:7-16](#)

04 Surrender gives God room to conform us to the image of Jesus.

- God works all things together for good in those who love Him and answer His purpose. ([Romans 8:28](#))
- His intention is not merely to improve our circumstances but to form the character and likeness of His Son in us. ([Romans 8:29-30](#))
- God supplies both desire and ability, yet we must cooperate with His work instead of protecting our pride, reputation, or comfort. ([Philippians 2:13](#); [Ephesians 3:20](#))

“Your surrender is your victory.”

STUDY [Romans 8:28-30](#); [Philippians 2:13](#); [Ephesians 3:20](#)

05 The love of Christ makes us more than conquerors.

- If God did not withhold His own Son, we can trust His generous heart toward us. ([Romans 8:31-32](#))
- Tribulation, distress, persecution, lack, danger, and spiritual opposition cannot separate us from Christ’s love. ([Romans 8:35-37](#))
- Do not permit memories, regret, or disappointment from the past to pull your heart away from the love God is giving you now. ([Romans 8:38-39](#))

“There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

STUDY [Romans 8:31-39](#)

06 Keep the fire on the altar of your heart from going out.

- The priest tended the altar continually; believers also carry responsibility for the spiritual fire entrusted to them. ([Leviticus 6:12-13](#))
- Offer the whole life to God as a living sacrifice instead of holding back the areas that feel costly or uncomfortable. ([Romans 12:1-2](#))
- Prayer, worship, repentance, the Word, and daily cooperation with the Holy Spirit keep the heart yielded and burning for Jesus. ([2 Corinthians 6:11-13](#))

“There’s no excuse to let the fire on your altar go out.”

STUDY [Leviticus 6:12-13](#); [Romans 12:1-2](#); [2 Corinthians 6:11-13](#)

07 Let the life God restores become a testimony of His goodness.

- When the Lord turned captivity, His people were filled with laughter, singing, and wonder at what He had done. ([Psalm 126:1-2](#))
- The nations recognized that the Lord had done great things; transformation gives people around us evidence that God is real. ([Psalm 126:2-3](#))
- Seasons of tears and surrender are not wasted—seed sown before God can return as a harvest carried with joy. ([Psalm 126:5-6](#))

“Your life is a testimony. What God has done for you is a testimony to other people.”

STUDY [Psalm 126:1-6](#)

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What will keep the fire burning?

Where have you been more focused on receiving a promise than knowing the One who gave it?

What false source of identity or approval begins to lose its hold when you look at the love of Jesus?

Which desire, habit, or area of control needs to be surrendered so Christ can form His character in you?

What daily practice will help you tend the fire on the altar of your heart this week?
