



# Grace Fellowship Sasolburg

Exists to exalt God,  
Edify & Equip believers &  
Evangelize the lost.

**E-BULLETIN**

16 - 22 August 2020

## Special Dates & Events:

### BIRTHDAYS:

17th - Marc Erasmus

22nd - Phiwa Tsabedze

### SUNDAY 16 August

#### **Corporate Scripture Reading**

Acts 6: 7 - 15

#### **Sermon**

Preacher: Leon Pretorius

2 Thessalonians 2: 13 – 15

*The Presence of the Day of the Lord:*

*The Reason You Don't Have to Fear the End (Part 2)*

#### **Bank Account:**

Grace Fellowship Sasolburg, @ Nedbank Sasolburg,  
account number 176 433 9193, branch code 176 436

## Prayer List:

### Evangelism:

- Newton & Vanessa Chilingulo  
(+265) 996-99-6305
- Tony & Santie McCracken  
(+265) 884-36-3269
- Richard & Telda Peskett  
(079) 469-3499
- Iwan & Maggie Boersma  
(magdaeb@gmail.com)

### Illnesses:

- Melloney Hasson (084) 765-1188
- \* Cancer patients:
- Vanessa Chilingulo (+265) 996-99-6305
- \* Chronic illnesses:
- Billy & Pikkie Mellet (016) 454-0462
  - Glynn Meyer (082) 335-7508

### Missing person:

- Sylvester's sister, Ruth  
(Sylvester (072) 215-0614)

### The World:

- The persecuted church
- Salvation of the lost
- The government

### Our church:

Celebrate and thank God for our freedom in Christ. Pray that God will help us to guard ourselves so that this freedom will not become an opportunity to indulge in fleshly desires, but rather that we will serve each other and seek for the building up of others. (Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10)

### Corona Virus

- That God will protect us from this illness.
- For the medical personnel working during this time.
- For peace and order in the country.
- For the at-risk groups.
- That God will use this situation to call the lost to repentance.
- That our trust in His promises will grow stronger through this trial.

## Ministries of our Church

### Church Office:

Phone: (074) 064-3777 (Leon)

Physical Address:

26 Koeberg street, Vaalpark

Postal: P.O. Box 61964, Vaalpark, 1947

Email: [gracefellowshipsasolburg@gmail.com](mailto:gracefellowshipsasolburg@gmail.com)

Website: [www.gracesasolburg.co.za](http://www.gracesasolburg.co.za)

Facebook: Grace Fellowship Sasolburg

Grace News: (074) 605-0394

### Leadership Details:

Marc Erasmus

(071) 687-0149

Leon Pretorius

(Pastor-Teacher)

(074) 064-3777

Jochen Theiss

(082) 655-3476

Warren Joubert

(082) 436-1932

## Devotions from Drawing Near by John MacArthur

### **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3)**

*If you are poor in spirit, certain characteristics will mark your life.*

The Puritan writer Thomas Watson listed seven ways to determine if you are poor in spirit (The Beatitudes [Edinburgh The Banner of Truth Trust, 1971], pp. 45-48):

1. You will be weaned from self—Psalm 131:2 says, "Like a weaned child rests against his mother, my soul is like a weaned child within me." When you are poor in spirit you will focus not on yourself but on glorifying God and ministering to others.
2. You will focus on Christ—Second Corinthians 3:18 says that believers are "beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, [and] are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." When you are poor in spirit, the wonder of Christ captivates you. To be like Him is your highest goal.
3. You will never complain—If you are poor in spirit you accept God's sovereign control over your circumstances, knowing you deserve nothing anyway. Yet the greater your needs, the more abundantly He provides.
4. You will see good in others—A person who is poor in spirit recognizes his own weaknesses and appreciates the strengths of others.
5. You will spend time in prayer—It is characteristic of beggars to beg. Therefore you will constantly be in God's presence seeking His strength and blessing.
6. You will take Christ on His terms—Those who are poor in spirit will give up anything to please Christ, whereas the proud sinner wants simply to add Christ to his sinful lifestyle.
7. You will praise and thank God—When you are poor in spirit, you will be filled with praise and thanks for the wonder of God's grace, which He lavishes on you through Christ (Ephesians 1:6).

Do those principles characterize your life? If so, you are poor in spirit and the kingdom of heaven is yours (Matthew 5:3). If not, you must seek God's forgiveness and begin to live as His humble child.

### **Suggestions for Prayer**

Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart, revealing any attitudes or motives that displease Him. Seek His grace in changing them.

### **For Further Study**

Read 3 John. Would you characterize Gaius as poor in spirit? Diotrephes? Explain.