

# **SERIES: URGENT WORDS FOR URGENT TIMES**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, August 26-27, 2023

**SERMON:** You Have What You Need for Urgent Times

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 NIV

[4] I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

[5] For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge -

[6] God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

[7] Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

[8] He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[9] God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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1. You have what you need to share the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.

- **1 Peter 3:15** *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*

2. You have what you need to share the \_\_\_\_\_.

- **1 Corinthians 12:7** *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

3. You have what you need to \_\_\_\_\_.

- **1 Peter 1:16** *for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*
- **1 Thessalonians 4:7** *For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.*
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4. You have what you need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus emphasized \_\_\_\_\_ to the end.
- **Proverbs 16:7** *When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them.*

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## **Congregational Meeting-Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - 6:45pm Central Hall.**

On Wednesday night, August 30, we will have our third congregational meeting of the year. While we do not have any major issues to discuss, we always have vital information for the congregation.

I don't want to take away from the meeting, but I do want you to know that we will hear reports about new people coming to faith in Christ, the growth of the church in all areas, particularly Bible study and worship, and financial giving.

Your faithful giving week by week and year by year allows us to expand ministries to people around us. These include *Celebrate Recovery*, *GriefShare*, *DivorceCare*, *Alzheimer's Support Group*, *English as a Second Language (ESL)* and our *Special Friends ministry*. They also include diligent efforts to train preschoolers, children, and teenagers in the ways of God.

While we are expanding ministries, we are also rapidly paying down our debt and renovating some much-needed areas such as Central Hall.

## **Discovery Class - Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> - 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall.**

I want to remind you that this Sunday, August 27, is our next Discovery Class. If you are new to our church or interested in becoming a member, the Discovery Class will suit your needs completely. We talk about beliefs, behavior, baptism, and how to know you can go to heaven. This is a great opportunity provided by our pastoral team. I believe in this ministry completely, and I hope you will join us.

## **River Baptism – Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4:00pm Bogue Falaya River**

Speaking of baptism, we will hold our annual River Baptism next Sunday, September 3, at Bogue Falaya Park in downtown Covington. It's a great time to see a baptism service with multiple people who are expressing their faith in Christ. I hope you will be there with us.

*Park Address: 213 Park Drive, Covington*

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