

(FOLD AND TEAR OFF THE SIDE. THEN PUT IT INTO THE OFFERING BOX, PLEASE.)

MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Response Card

NAME:

E-MAIL:

PHONE: () -

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I am a returning guest.
- I am a regular attendee/member.

MY DECISION TODAY:

- I want to know more about the Gospel.
- I am committing my life to Christ.
- I am renewing my commitment to Christ.
- I want to join a small group.
- I would like to serve on a team.

COMMENTS/PRAYER NEEDS:

- For Prayer Team
- For Pastor

Day by Day by Grace
(March 15th)

The Resurrection Essential to the Gospel of Grace

*And if Christ is **not risen**, then our **preaching is vain** and your **faith is also vain**...And if Christ is **not risen**, your **faith is futile**; you are **still** in your **sins**...But now **Christ is risen** from the dead. ([1 Corinthians 15:14, 17, 20](#))*

The early church persistently proclaimed the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was not an option for them; neither is it an option for us. The grace of God that is available in the gospel for both justification and sanctification requires a risen Lord. The resurrection is **essential** to the gospel, which is the new covenant of grace. The Spirit of God emphasized this strongly, as He inspired Paul to write: "*And if Christ is **not risen**, then our **preaching is vain** and your **faith is also vain**."* If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, our preaching would be empty. If Christ were still in a tomb, His salvation mission ended in failure, not victory. Jesus is the object of our faith. If He is not alive, our trusting in Him would be fruitless. Jesus frequently taught about the **necessity** of His death and resurrection. "*The Son of Man **must** suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed**, and be **raised the third day***" ([Luke 9:22](#)).

Furthermore, Paul wrote: "*And if Christ is **not risen**, your **faith is futile**; you are **still** in your **sins**."* The gospel of forgiveness of sins includes the resurrection. "*I declare to you the **gospel** which I preached to you...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He rose again the third day** according to the Scriptures*" ([1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4](#)). Faith is only as effective as its object. If our Lord is not resurrected, it is useless to place our confidence in Him. If we are trusting in a dead Savior to forgive us and set us free, we are still guilty and bound.

However, our Lord is not in an ancient tomb. "*But now **Christ is risen** from the dead.*" He rose victorious over sin and death, bringing everlasting righteousness to all who believe. "*It [faith] was accounted to him [Abraham] for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It shall be imputed to us [credited to our account] who believe in Him who **raised up** Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was **raised** because of our justification*" ([Romans 4:22-25](#)). Thus, all of the **grace blessings** of the **resurrection** are ours by **faith**. "*Therefore it is of **faith** that it might be according to **grace***" ([Romans 4:16](#)).

Dear Father, I rejoice in the resurrection victory of Jesus, my Lord! I praise You, Jesus, as my risen, living Savior. What a mighty salvation You have secured through Your victory over sin and death. Glory be to Your name for providing it all by grace through faith. Teach me to trust in You more and more, in Your holy name, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room. For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to **NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116**. (Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



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NVCCC English Ministry

March 15, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Praise*
 - Prayer*
 - Scripture reading
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
 - Message
Authority
 - Speaker
Pastor Paul Lee
 - Response Card and Offerings
 - Response song*
 - Announcements
 - Doxology*
 - Benediction/Closing prayer
Pastor Paul Lee
- (* Stand if you are able, please.)

UPCOMING

April 3rd — Good Friday Service
April 5th — Easter

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to: nvcccem@gmail.com

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

God's love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

AUTHORITY

Discussion/Application

Have you ever been hurt by a Christian leader? If so, you're not alone. Bring that pain to the Lord and ask Him to gently mend your heart. He cares deeply about your wounds and walks with you in your healing. As He restores you, may you find yourself drawing closer to Him. The time to come to His loving presence is now.

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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