

John 10:1—15 | Always Growing in Christ's New Life

Study Questions from 09.02.2020 sermon

The blessings of New Life

- i. The new life Jesus offers brings us amazing blessings which become ours by repentant faith. These blessings are:
 - i. We are declared 'not guilty' and perfectly right
 - ii. We are made children of God
 - iii. We are made into loving people
 - iv. We are given eternal life

But how do these blessings affect the way we live our lives? Discuss what differences these blessings make in your day to day life. Be specific.

New Life Growth

- ii. We will see New Life Growth at Argyle (i.e. people getting saved and receiving new life from Jesus) by praying and sharing our faith. Why is prayer a fundamental part of people getting saved & receiving new life? What changes can we make at Argyle, and in our lives, to ensure prayer is a top priority?
- iii. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus asks us to share our faith by going and making disciples. We see the apostles and early Christians doing this in Acts. Yet we often struggle to do it. Why is that? And what is the remedy?

Jesus Vs. The Thieves

- iv. Read John 10:7—10. Jesus says he is the gate to the safety of the sheepfold. He means that he is the only way to gain entry into God's kingdom. Jesus called the Pharisees (and other Messianic pretenders) thieves and robbers, because they stole people's free entry to heaven and robbed them of life to the full. There are still thieves around today and they still try to rob us of life to the full. Identify what are these 'thieves' are, and discuss how we can thwart them.