



October 14, 2018 | "You Are Here" | Genesis 6:5–8

Julie Andrews once trilled, "Begin at the beginning, it's a very good place to start." When speaking about people progressing from no faith or hostile to faith, we must begin orienting ourselves in relation to God. We have to speak of sin, but even before that comes a word of grace.

October 21, 2018 | "Pull a U-Turn" | Ephesians 2:1–10

Becoming a Christian does not happen by accident. A person can't become a Christian and not know it and a person can't keep going in the same direction and arrive in the kingdom. To become a Jesus follower requires an intentional change of direction. But, even that course correction is thoroughly rooted in the grace of God.

October 28, 2018 | "Soul Flip" | John 3:5–8

Salvation is not a status to be obtained, but an entry way to a whole new life. Similar to purchasing a new house, the next step is to inhabit it. Perhaps this means some repair or renovation projects. Maybe some of the old furniture no longer suits. Yet, we don't renovate ourselves, rather we hand the keys over and trust the graciousness of the host.

November 4, 2018 | "Become What You Are" | Romans 8:14–17

Why do some people flourish and some falter? While we can't put everything onto the home life, it has been shown that people who come from homes where they know they are deeply loved and supported tend to thrive in life. The same is true in the Christian life; by knowing that we are deeply loved by our Father we can go on to deeper depths experiencing God's grace in our lives.

November 11, 2018 | "Total Love" | Matthew 27:37–40; Philippians 3:12

When we started out we were controlled by sin, it was our master and we loved it. But, now, we are mastered by sin no more. We do not love it, we love God and as our devoted love for God consumes us there is no more place for love of sin. This is what John Wesley called Christian Perfection.

November 18, 2018 | "All Things New" | Revelation 21:1–8

It is important to remember, especially during difficult times, that there is coming a time when everything will be made new—that includes us. Those who have suffered and remain faithful to Christ will be glorified. Even more, our glorification has already begun, in Christ Jesus!