

*SUNDAY'S COMING! (and so is the Election)*

Ever read a book and then wish you hadn't? I read *The Dawkins Delusion* by Alister McGrath this week. Mr. McGrath is an Oxford Ph.D. in molecular bio-physics and chairman of the theology department at King's College, London. He was writing to refute the now famous book by Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion*. As you might expect, Dawkins is a very prominent atheist, a wildly "fundamentalist atheist". Dawkins's book was long on strawmen and vitriolic attacks on the lunatic fringe of religion and Christianity, as if that represented the norm. McGrath's response, from cover to cover, failed to distinguish that Christianity is a revealed, written communication from the one true living God, and that Christianity is not merely plausible but irrefutable and altogether distinguishable from any other "religion". After I finished the book, I felt I had wasted my precious time (and sixteen bucks).

How remarkably different is our time in God's Word. The Spirit of God never disappoints. Quite naturally, I've never felt I have wasted my time when I finish reading the Bible, whether a brief passage or an entire book. It continues to convict, correct, and console. Let's remain committed to praying for one another's personal devotions. May our good God meet with us in powerful ways: *No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly* Ps 84. Our good God will not withhold *Himself* from us as we seek Him with all of our heart.

Please pray for the election on Tuesday; pray that God would be merciful to us and to our children. We are not praying for justice but for mercy! And of course, vote.

This Lord's Day we will celebrate the Lord's Supper with hearts of repentance and thanksgiving. Pray that God would be lifted high and glorified as we worship. We will have a covered dish supper immediately following. PLEASE plan to stay, and bring a friend.

We were particularly blessed last Sunday evening as we began our study of the gospel of John. We will be continuing in chapters 5-10 this week. It was wonderful to have Ellis Furst and Peggy Efird with us along with Sabrina Brown, Mike and Nancy Piner, Kevin Teachey and his friend James. Our visitor Sunday morning was Steve Squires, please pray for all of these dear people.

Thank you for your prayers for me. Pray that I would Ask and Seek and Knock in gospel hope for the glory of God at River City and for your families. Will you join me in pleading for supernatural strength and extraordinary results?

I love you all and praise God for the privilege of knowing you as family.

Pray for the peace of God's church,

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