



Sunday, December 29, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | . Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Closing Out 2019: **He Crowns the Year**

Psalm 65:1-13

Jesus **DESERVES** praise (v. 1)

he is worthy

Revelation 4:11; 5:9

from everyone & everything v. 2, 8, 12-13

Philippians 2:9-11

for his **GRACE** (v. 2-5)

hearing prayer v. 2

1 Peter 5:7

atones for sin v. 3

Isaiah 6:7; Romans 3:21-26

brings us near v. 4

Ephesians 2:13

our hope v. 5

Colossians 1:27

and his **AWESOME DEEDS!** (v. 6-13)

creation v. 6-8

Ps. 93:1; John 1:3; Col. 1:16-17

giving peace & joy v. 7-8, 10, 12-13

Eph. 2:14; John 14:27; 16:33

all good things v. 9-11

James 1:17

As you close out 2019...

Step 1: Make a list of all the ways God has “crowned the year with his bounty” in your life. — *Even in the worst of years, there are **many** good things he has done!*

Step 2: Make a list of all the “furrows” and “ridges” in your life you long for God to water and “make smooth” in the coming year. — *There will be circumstances of life you list, but don’t forget to list issue of your heart and character that need attention.*

Step 3: Spend time praising God for the good things you listed in Step 1. Ask him to work in the areas you listed in Step 2. Go back and praise him again for the things in Step 1.



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. There's no holiday that motivates change like New Year's. For many of us that means new goals and resolutions in 2020. What's also true is that most resolutions don't last for more than a few weeks. The good news is that God is working year round and can help us bring about change more than we can on our own. How do the following verses further illustrate this idea of God working in us to bring about change?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:4

Romans 8:11

Can you think of any ways you've changed because of God's work in your life in 2019?

2. As followers of Jesus we will face trouble. You surely faced some in 2019 and can probably count on more in 2020. Despite this, God has given us many assurances that could help us when facing hardship. How might the following verses serve as a comfort to someone facing trials, frustrations or hardship?

Lamentation 3:22-24

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Romans 8:31-39

We each react to struggles differently. Do you notice any themes or patterns within yourself when facing hardship?

3. The beginning of the New Year is always a great time to reflect on what has gone on in your life over the previous year. As you look back on 2019, what would you put on your top 10 list of lessons, blessings, mistakes, etc. that you need to remember in 2020?

2019 closes a decade as well. You might also consider doing the same exercise for the last decade and look ahead to the next one beginning in 2020.

As you set goals for 2020, what are some spiritual goals you'd like to work on this year?

Life Group Sign-Ups Start Again in January!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in January or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.



PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2019

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Grace Lutheran Church in Syracuse.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Psalm 65:1-5 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ **Praise** is due to you, O God, in **Zion**, and to you shall **vows** be **performed**. ² O you who **hear prayer**, to you shall all **flesh come**. ³ **When iniquities prevail** against me, you **atone** for our **transgressions**. ⁴ **Blessed** is the one you **choose** and **bring** near, to **dwell** in your **courts**! We shall be **satisfied** with the **goodness** of your **house**, the **holiness** of your **temple**! ⁵ By **awesome deeds** you **answer** us with **righteousness**, O God of our **salvation**, the **hope** of all the **ends** of the **earth** and of the **farthest seas**;

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