

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for June 14th, 2026 [Third Sunday after Pentecost]



Jeremiah 20: 7-13

[Jeremiah 20: 7-13 ESV - O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was - Bible Gateway](#)

Jeremiah needed to be deceived into doing the work of proclamation to the Israelites, but this deception is not done in a sinful way, this was not for Jeremiah's harm that he was deceived. But this deception was for the purpose of calling Israel to repentance and to teach Jeremiah he needed to trust the Lord's Will in doing the work of proclaiming a harsh word to Israel. This is like a parent deceiving a child into eating their broccoli, they can't perceive or see the deception, but it is for their good until they are capable of eating the broccoli on their own. The Lord will in His ways guide us to learn and receive for our benefit.

Romans 6:12-23

[Romans 6:12-23 ESV - Let not sin therefore reign in your - Bible Gateway](#)

When we talk about living as Christians we tend to think of it as just a mental exercise, but the living a life of faith is more than that. It is Spiritual, mental, and physical; this text refers to the physical side of the faith, what you do with your body is a confession of the faith. Does this mean no tattoos for instance, no, it means that if you do get a tattoo that it needs to be free of sinful references or tempt someone else to sinful references. This also refers to how we dress, we should be wearing anything that could tempt our neighbor to sin, and yes people should be in control of their thoughts, but we are all sinful and because of that we in love should not be a potential temptation.

Matthew 10: 5a, 21-33

[Matthew 10: 5a, 21-33 ESV - Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles - Bible Gateway](#)

Jesus gives the Apostles that He is sending out the charge to proclaim the council of truth, that is His Word, Jesus did not waste His breath in His teaching so that the Gospel may be proclaimed clearly. I may use stories or antidotes to make a point clear, but the points is the main thing to be remembered that you may come to repentance and the forgiveness of sins as well as a better understanding of the Faith, this is the charge that Christ gives to the called to preach and teach. We are all called to know His Word and to know it well, for our benefit and the good of the neighbor.

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