



Pictured Above: A compilation of pictures featuring some of the guest speakers hosted by the Bear Valley Church Lectureship. This year's theme was the book of Psalms.

Bear Valley Lectureship 2023!

----- **STEVEN JAEGER**

Hello there! It's good to be in touch with you again! The first quarter of year two has been a whirlwind of busyness to say the least, but the learning of God's Word continues to be worth every moment. I've picked up where I left off by way of preaching out the second Sunday of every month at the Brighton congregation here locally in the Denver area. And their support, just like yours, continues to be an encouragement for the work I'm doing at school as well as learning how to preach and teach the Gospel Message of our Lord and Savior with love, in spirit and in truth. Apart from that, this month's highlight has been the annual Lectureship that the...

...Bear Valley Church hosts, and it was yet another enjoyable time diving into our God's Word. I cannot recommend enough that you make time to check out the BV YouTube channel where you can find each of the lessons presented in the auditorium. What makes them extra special this year is that I was able to help with the A/V stuff, specifically the livestream and recordings! Okay, so maybe that's not what makes them extra special this year – because we know that God's Word is a blessing every moment we get to spend living with it – but it sure was fun learning how to help with that part of our modernized worship services! And for each of the lessons not visually recorded, Bear Valley does have audio recordings on their website under the "Lectureship" tab up top! (:



October '23 Quarter 5 Classes

----- **S. JAEGER**

To be honest, there have been so many highlights to what I've learned this quarter that I'm not sure I know where to start. Let's try Galatians with Dan Owen. Amazing! Dan, like each of the instructors is an amazing teacher who, with sincere diligence, knows just how to bring out the love of God's truth as it needs to be known and understood. And when it comes to God's truth in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatian believers, it's all about one thing concerning our salvation! Jesus Christ. Nothing more. Nothing less. We know just how difficult it can be in letting that part of God's predestined plan of our salvation sincerely reign in His church. All too well human traditions often get in the way of that part of God's love. Yes, even when the intentions and motivations are "good" just like the Pharisees Jesus dealt with in Mark 7. Yet, just as Jesus made it clear, so too does Paul in his letter to the Galatians. Jesus. That's it. Nothing more. Nothing less. Our salvation is a gift that does not deserve to be tainted by any construct of man's efforts to do what God has already done perfectly with and through His perfect and...

...only Son – our only Savior who deserves to be our only Lord. And what's just as beautiful as Jesus being our only Savior is how He lovingly keeps that possibility alive by the power of God working in and through His blood.

We've learned a great deal about this from what the Apostle John teaches in his epistles to the believers in Ephesus. The fact that Jesus blood continually cleanses those walking in God's light is perhaps the most beautiful challenge we have in understanding just how wonderful our relational connection to God really is. We know that we live and learn imperfectly, yet as we strive to do so by means of prioritizing God's ways in our lives over the ways of sin, God gives us the ultimate assurance from a much-needed perspective in the Apostle John's epistles. The most important thing that God desires most for His creation, is that mankind have an unadulterated fellowship with Him and His Son Jesus. Check out 1 John sometime soon, I've got a funny feeling that you'll be glad you did! (: