

**This week...**

**Monday** Isaiah 64:5 *“You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?”*

There are striking similarities in Isaiah’s observations under the Law and those today of godly people under grace, but also some key differences. Explore this throughout the week listing what you hear Isaiah saying to the Hebrews and what Christ offers today.

**Tuesday** Isaiah 64:5 *“You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?”*

Salvation was on the minds of people in Isaiah’s day just as it was in the time of Christ and today. Though many claim to not believe in God or need His salvation in day to day living, when they are faced with mortality and death they often develop a sudden interest in knowing more about how to find peace and right standing with the God they previously ignored. Do you know the answer to Isaiah’s question in verse 5? Study John’s account of a concerned Nicodemus in John 3 to find the answer.

**Wednesday** Isaiah 64:6 *“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”*

Would you agree with this verse? See Paul’s teaching in Romans 3:23 for help. Judaism was a faith heavily weighted in righteous works and outward ritual in an effort to be declared clean. Jesus brought an end to a struggle that always led to frustration in the

battle to be cleansed, forgiven, and pardoned. See 1 John 1:9, Romans 3:21-26, 5:8, and 6:22-23.

**Thursday** Isaiah 64:7 *“No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.”*

Jesus has completely rewritten this verse! Spend a few minutes listing how He did this. For help see Romans 10:5-15. How does this make you feel?

**Friday** Isaiah 64:8 *“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.”*

Do some research on pottery making (especially ancient methods), and create two columns, one for clay and one for the potter, and see what you might discover about each one. Note characteristics and attributes, activity, the process, and the results of the interaction. Then examine your own life to see how closely you resemble clay in the Master Potter’s hands and how He is working in you. What can you say about the vessels He creates? Spend time in prayer reflecting on this week’s lessons and how you are or are not an example of God’s activity in your life.