

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well, it has happened; but did you notice?

ICE OUT has happened; but did you notice?

SPRING has happened; but did you notice?

WALLEYE SEASON has happened; but did you notice?

SUMMER has happened (soon); but did you notice?

Speaking from my own experience there is a great deal of planning that goes into those summer **WALLEYE** fishing trips into the “Boundary Waters”, whether they are for the day or overnight!

Actually, simply focusing on day trips for **WALLEYES** in the “Boundary Waters” requires a bit of planning and preparation in order to maximize the experience---would you really want to get caught out in the “Boundary Waters” in a rain storm without a raincoat or rain gear? This would be just one example of the importance of preparation!

Things, I have forgotten, while preparing to head out on a day trip of **WALLEYE** fishing in the “Boundary Waters” would include things like:

- a yoke to carry my canoe across the portages
- a life jacket
- a canoe paddle
- a stringer for the walleyes caught
- a number of other less vital pieces of equipment
(possibly even lunch)

Needless to say; some of these forgotten items have required a return home, a do-over, or a fresh start (canoe paddle and life jacket, for sure)!

DID you **NOTICE???**

IT has **HAPPENED!!!**

Let us pause and consider whether or not we are planning for it and are we getting preparing for it? No, we are not talking ice out, or spring, or walleye season, or even the coming of summer; what we are talking about is **GOD’S** providing us a way to be prepared for the rest of our lives!!!

Indeed, just like I have found the need for a return home, for a do-over or a fresh start because of some forgetfulness with regards to walleye fishing in the “Boundary waters”; **GOD** has provided us with a **HOME** which we can return to week after week with the hope of experiencing anew, the opportunity to participate in a do-over or a fresh start in our **WALK** with **GOD!!!**

The **HOME** we are talking about is the **CHURCH** and the do-over or fresh start grows out of our taking the time to **WORSHIP** our gracious and loving **GOD!!!** Indeed, our **GOD** is so **GRACIOUS** and **LOVING** that even when we become a bit forgetful we can still return **HOME** and participate in a do-over or fresh start in our **DAILY WALK** with **GOD!!!**

Indeed, we have been given the opportunity to participate in planning and preparing for our walk with God each and every week as we gather together as the **FAMILY** of **GOD** to **WORSHIP GOD** and to fellowship with one another!!!

Love in Christ,

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