

### Don't Accept Generic Brands

There are so many name brand products that you know—you hear and read a lot about them. For most name brand products (medicines, foods, beverages, paper goods, etc., etc.) there are generic brands that are similar to their name brand counterparts, but you don't generally see or hear the generics advertised. The greatest appeal of generic brands is that they do not cost as much. While the generics may be similar to the name brand, they are not identical, and the careful consumer can distinguish easily between "the real thing" and the imitations.

While the following falls short of being perfectly parallel with the above illustration, the point is the same. There is the "name brand" which is "the real thing" and then there are the imitations, and they are certainly not the same.

After being arrested for healing a lame man and preaching the gospel, Peter and John were asked on trial before the Jewish council, "...By what name have you done this?" (Acts 4:7). Peter had already answered this question at least twice before they were arrested. To the lame man at the gate of the temple he had said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk" (3:6). Later, when they were preaching on Solomon's porch, Peter had proclaimed, "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know" (3:16). So, when the Sanhedrin asked, "By what name," the answer had already been given, but Peter was not ashamed to announce it again—"Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole" (4:10). Notice that Peter did not offer some generic response of a power or name that was similar to "the real thing." He didn't point to some imitation that was pretty close.

Then, Peter concluded his remarks with this definitive statement, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (4:12). In that one affirmation of divine truth, the Scripture condemns all religious groups, "churches" and doctrines that do not conform to the name, authority and pattern of Christ. Would you trust your soul's salvation to some imitation or generic brand? Or is Christ your only authority? ~David Sproule

### Kennewick Church of Christ

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### Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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**Minister:** (Beginning 03/01/2020)

Bill Gregory

Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 01/27 62

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 01/27 \$3152.00

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### He Bore Our Sins

He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering... Then he shall kill the bull before the LORD...  
Leviticus 1:4-5.

Galatians 3:24 says that the old law was to prepare us for Christ. Among other things, it was a teacher to help us understand what would happen to Jesus on the cross. I want you to consider one very important thing we learn from the animal sacrifices that help us to appreciate Christ's sacrifice.

The law made it very clear that only priests were to offer sacrifices before the LORD (Leviticus 1:5, 7, 11; 2:2, 9; 3:2, 8; 4:7). In other words, you couldn't set up an altar in your back yard and make sacrifices for yourself. It had to be in the place God designated once they entered the land (Deuteronomy 12:5) and it would be the priests to offer the sacrifices for you on the altar.

However, though the priest offered the sacrifice for you, he would not kill it for you. That was your job. You did that for yourself. After placing your hand on the head of the burnt offering (which probably symbolized the fact that the animal was taking on the guilt of your sins - see Leviticus 16:20-22), you would then take a knife and slit the throat so all of the blood would be drained out (for the life of the flesh was in the blood, Leviticus 17:16).

What was the purpose of that? It would appear that what God was teaching them (and us) was that the priest was not responsible for the death of that innocent animal, nor was God responsible. You killed the animal. It was your fault that he died. Your sins resulted in his death.

Christ Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). No less than 10 times in Isaiah 53 a direct connection is made between the suffering of God's Servant (Jesus) and our sins. He did not die for his own sins but for ours. It is as if we placed our hand on the head of our Lord and took the nails in our hand and drove them through. He shed his blood for our sins, every last drop.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

~David Maxson

This is he who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever doesn't believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

(1 John 5:6-13)

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>February Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
02/02 First Sunday Potluck 02/08 Men's fellowship and breakfast 02/09 Open Congregational Meeting 5p 03/01 First Sunday Potluck 03/14 Men's fellowship and breakfast 03/15 Open Congregational Meeting 5p	Leland & Marilyn Davis 2/8 Linda Bills 2/14 Ron Stephens 2/14 Joe Botts 2/15 Wanda Danley 2/1	Al Lindsay 2/16 Rick Freitag 2/18 Jim Preston 2/22 Josh Mendoza 2/27

**Today's Speaker**  
**Leonard Peters**

**Tonight's Video**  
**Do You See God As He Is?**  
George Bailey

**Bible Studies**

<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday am.–Exodus Wed pm – Acts 13-28 (Paul's Journeys)	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class -</b> Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class</b> Th. 10-11:30am
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**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Helen Pierce, Lupe Mendoza, Pansy Caywood

**Bill Gregory** has accepted the position as minister for the Kennewick church of Christ. He will be here to preach on February 9<sup>th</sup>, and then he and Fran will begin their work here with us on the first of March. We are excited to have a full-time minister working with us again and are looking forward to Bill and Fran joining our Congregation here.

**Pansy Caywood** has been having health issue lately and had an incident at the building recently. Please keep her in your prayers that her health will improve and that she is able to continue worshiping with us. (Thank you, Sue, for all that you do to help make that happen!)

First Sunday potluck is today. Please stay and enjoy the food and fellowship. All are welcome. There is always enough food for all who would like to stay.

**Our Ministries**

**Mountain States Children's Home**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

**Peru Ministry** – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

**Food Pantry** - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

**Austin and Kennadie McCrickard** – Bear Valley Bible Institute

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

**The World Passeth Away**

An ancient story, told over two hundred years ago by Warrant Hastings, tells of a monarch who charged his wise men to produce a motto for him by which he could both live and govern. It had to be brief enough to apply to all of life's situations. After several weeks, they returned with this simple motto, "This, too, shall pass." And, it still fits! We are transients, and so is the world in which we live! In times of adversity, trial, sickness and grief, we need to remember: "This, too, shall pass." And in times of health, happiness, triumph and prosperity, we need to remember; "This, too, shall pass."

The apostle Peter, writing toward the end of his life, reminds his readers that God's judgment will come, even though much time had passed since the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. He says, "*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up*" (2 Peter 3:10). Look around you. Everything you see will crumble into decay, your house, your clothing, even your body! Yet, in the dark despair of that knowledge there shines a ray of light from God. We are created in the image of God, and God has something better in store for us than death and corruption.

Solomon wrote, "*the dust returneth to the earth as it was, and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it*" (Eccl 12:7). Jesus told the story of the rich man who prospered greatly, [but rather than share the abundance God had given him he chose to hoard it and planned to live his life in safety and comfort]. God said to him, "*this night is thy soul required of thee, and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be?*" (Luke 12:17-18, 20). This man typifies [many people] today who live for this life, and seemingly take no thought at all for the next life!

The apostle Paul had much in the way of material possessions, power and prestige as a Jew and a Pharisee. But, he turned his back on all that and wrote, "*What things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ.*" (Phil. 3:7). The apostle John wrote, "*The world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever*" (1 Jn 2:17). This earth will perish and everything in the earth and of the earth shall perish. Only the spiritual will remain.

The expression, "the passing parade," pretty accurately depicts this life. We are "*strangers and pilgrims on the earth*" (Heb. 11:13). And, life is like a river which ceaselessly flows on to its destination. Of that destination, we read, "*it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment*" (Heb. 9:27). That is my destiny, and yours as well. When Solomon spoke of man's purpose on earth, it was in prospect of the judgment. "*This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard; fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil*" (Eccl. 12:13-14). None of us will miss that appointment! "*For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad...So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God*" (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12).

We can't hide from God. Adam and Eve tried it but failed. Jonah, Elijah, Judas (and many others), for various reasons, tried to hide from God. They could not. But Christ came that we should have no need to hide! "*And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins*" (Matt. 1:21). Even though we have sinned, we can be acceptable to God through Christ. "*...being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood*" (Rom. 3:23-25). The truth is, we are assured that, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Jesus lived on this earth to show us how to live. He died so that we could live forever! "*For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*" (Heb. 10:30-31). But the children of God need not be afraid, for Christ is their Savior!

~Clem Thurman, (edited for space)