

### What makes for a good day?

Most of us would think about doing the things that we enjoy:

- Shopping.
- Playing sports.
- Watching a movie.
- Reading a book.
- Listening to music.

But who among us would think of something like this:

- Visiting a shut-in.
- Helping a handicapped person at the store.
- Encouraging someone struggling with a spiritual problem.
- Taking a fatherless child out for the day.
- Cutting grass for a widow.

Jesus had a social life. He went to a wedding feast (John 2:1-2). We see him at dinner parties numerous times (Luke 5:29; 7:36; 14:1). We can rightly conclude from this that Jesus would approve of those enjoyable things we put in our first list above.

However, seeing that he said it is more blessed to give than to receive, he would tell us we would find more ultimate enjoyment in life if we would spend more time doing things on the second list than the first.

More than that, Jesus would likely see life not as we are considering it now (that is first list versus second list). Rather he would combine the two lists and serve others while doing the things he enjoyed (Luke 14:12-14).

~David Maxson

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

Attendance 11/15: 40

Budget \$2484.00

Contribution: 11/15: \$3397.00

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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



### The Awareness of Sin

Christian preachers and writers often moan and complain about sin in the church. We rightly think that Christians should have no part in the sin that is found on every hand in the world. We sometimes wonder how or why Christians would live the way they do, all the while claiming to be true, faithful servants of God. We wonder how we can motivate Christians to be more committed to Christ.

I do not claim to have all the answers, but one possible solution is for ALL Christians to realize their own sinfulness. At first, this may sound foolish and incorrect. How would a consciousness of our own sinfulness lead to more commitment? Surely, the reverse would be true. However, I think that one of the primary problems in the church is a lack of consciousness of sin. As a result of this, too many Christians are lackadaisical in their service to God.

Christ taught about this very thing in Luke 7:36-50. Jesus was eating in the home of Simon the Pharisee. While eating, a sinful woman came into the house and washed Jesus' feet with her tears, kissed them, dried them with her hair, and anointed them with a fragrant perfume or oil. Simon was horrified that Jesus allowed her to do this. In his mind, Jesus' action (or lack of Action) only proved He was not a prophet. If Jesus did not know she was a sinner. He lacked the knowledge necessary to be a prophet. If Jesus knew she was a sinner and did not care, then He lacked the holiness necessary to be a prophet. Either way, the result was the same. Jesus was not a prophet; He was merely a man, so Simon thought.

Jesus knew what Simon was thinking, so He uttered a short parable of two debtors, one owed 500 denarii, and the other owed 50 denarii. In the first century, a denarii was the wage for a day's labor. Thus, one man owed about 500 days of labor while the other owed only 50 days labor. Nevertheless, neither could pay, and when they approached the creditor, he promptly forgave them both. Jesus then asked Simon a question, "Which of them will love him more?" (Luke 7:42). Simon's correct answer was the one to whom more was forgiven.

The application is clear. If we are aware of our sin and our need for forgiveness, then love for God and Christ will naturally follow. I wonder if many times we as Christians have not forgotten our need for forgiveness. Oh, we realize we are not perfect; however, our sin is not nearly as great as everyone else's sin. After all, we have always lived good, moral lives and have not committed many serious sins. We have become like Simon the Pharisee, who in his self-righteousness did not think he needed forgiveness. The result was that he love God little, whereas the sinful woman, whose sins were many (Luke 7:47), loved much. Jesus stated the principle, "To whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." The point is not whether we have many sins or very few, but rather our consciousness of sin.

It really doesn't matter whether we have few sins or many. We cannot atone for any sins, and the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). We all must be forgiven, or we are doomed to eternal condemnation. Thus, we all need a real consciousness of the great debt of sin we owe to God and the great gift of forgiveness and salvation that Christians have received through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

~Jerry Bates

**Keep These Dates in Mind**

Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.

Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.

**November Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Pat Lindsay 11/1  
Sallie Winstead 11/7  
Mike & Cindy Manning 11/9  
Gary & Linda Bills 11/10  
Lupe Mendoza 11/21  
Holly Preston 11/29  
Connie Stecker 11/30

*Have you ever wondered which hurts the most: saying something and wishing you had not - or not saying nothing and wishing that you had.*

**Bible Studies**

**Adult Bible Classes**

Sunday a - O.T.  
Sunday p -James  
Wed p -Thessalonians

**Youth Classes**

Classroom Wing  
**Teen Class** -  
Teen Room

**Ladies Class**

Thursday 10:00 a

**Ongoing Health issues:** Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce, Bill & Linda Lafferty's daughter-in-law, Michael Stimson, Fred Fleming, Hubbard Family



I haven't received any news about any new illnesses or accidents. Let us keep those who are recovering, those with on-going conditions in our prayers. Let's thank God for those who have been healed. If you have news of someone who needs prayers let the Elders know so we can highlight it in the bulletin as needing special prayers from the church.



For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:14)

**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)

**O Victory in Jesus**

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).

When facing a challenging situation, if you knew the outcome was going to result in a victory would this impact the way you coped with it? For example, if you had cancer and knew you were going to be overcome it, would this motivate you to continue battling knowing that you would win over it?

As the apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian church, he reminds them they had a great victory which belonged to them which had already been won by Christ. It was the victory over death. It had been won by Jesus as He rose from the dead giving them assurance that they too would overcome death through Him. However, these Christians seemed to have forgotten they were assured of this victory!

Why had this happened to them? It appears there were those in the church which began to question whether or not there was a resurrection of the dead. Paul writes, "Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (1 Corinthians 15:12). Perhaps, part of the reason was because they did not understand all the details of how the resurrection was going to happen. Again, Paul states, "But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" (1 Corinthians 15:35). The old saying, "There is no such thing as a dumb question" is not necessarily true. Questions, such as the ones the Christians at Corinth were asking, which undermined their own faith in God, were not healthy questions to be asking.

Paul addresses how doubting the resurrection affected their faith: "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty" (1 Corinthians 15:13-14). Moreover, Paul adds, "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable" (1 Corinthians 15:17-19). The resurrection of Jesus has a major impact on how we live our lives as Christians!

Paul answers these questions by reminding them of the many witnesses who had seen Jesus resurrected from the grave (1 Corinthians 15:1-8). Furthermore, Paul describes what will happen following our resurrection when Jesus delivers the kingdom (i.e. the church) to His Father having conquered the last enemy which is death (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). Moreover, Paul mentions how our resurrected bodies will be changed into spiritual bodies prepared to enter into our Heavenly Home as He gives us a glimpse of things to come (1 Corinthians 15:36-54).

As the opening verses above described, knowing by faith the victory we have in Christ over death, we can be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" because we know that our labor in the Lord "is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

~Daily Devo, Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ

**One word frees us of all the weight and pain in life:**

**That word is LOVE.**

~Sophocles