

When Unbelievers Object

If someone doesn't believe the Bible and doesn't want to hear what you might have to say about it, that's ok. That's on them. But wouldn't a simple "No thank you" from them suffice? I don't understand the vitriolic aggression that some are taking against Christians and Bible truth today. I would think that they would just walk away and leave us alone.

Look at what Jesus experienced in Nazareth after reading the Scriptures. "So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff" (Luke 4:28-29). What a violent rejection of truth! Note carefully that Jesus simply "went His way" (4:30). He didn't retaliate or even try to force them to hear Him. He just, metaphorically, shook the dust from His feet and moved on (Mark 6:11). What a lesson for us today! People will reject our evangelistic efforts today, but their rejection is actually of Him (Luke 10:16). It's ok to be silent and to move on. ~David Sproule

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said to him, What is written in the Law? How do you read it? And he answered, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Divine Vaccine

For the past year, we have dealt with the onslaught of a powerful sickness which has infected the entire world. Every newscast has given us the number of new infections and the daily total of those who have died. The life of every Christian has been changed because of its presence.

However, we may have lost sight of another "disease" which has rapidly spread all over the world and threatens every person in every home on the earth. That "disease" is sin. It has killed far more every day than Covid-19 has in a year. Sin brings death to all who are infected by it, but we should be ever thankful that there is a Divine vaccine to deal with it.

That vaccine is a life built on faithful obedience and service to the Lord. Sin has captured billions of individuals on this earth, but a life of faith removes its power from our lives. In both the Old Testament and the New Testament we find this simple truth, "The just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). Sin brings death but a life which is built around trusting God and doing His will "vaccinates" us against the power of sin and Satan.

Look at how the Divine vaccine empowers us and assures us that we will not become slaves to the bondage that sin always brings.

The life of faithful service removes from us the consequences of past sin. When Christians look at the mistakes of their past lives, they see it different. There is no need in the heart of His children for them to carry the heavy burden of the guilt of sin. While we can never remove the knowledge of our sinful past, we must always remember that day when God forgot about them. That person who is raised from the waters of baptism is a new creation. That sinful man with all of the horrendous, stupid mistakes has been crucified and has been buried in the waters of baptism (Rom. 6:3-6). When he walks out of the baptistry, he is a new sinless person! There is no need for guilt because God does not even remember our past!

The life of faithful service removes sin and its guilt from our lives after we are baptized. Do we do wrong? Yes, to deny this is to make God a liar, but hear these words about every wrong we have done after we became a Christian. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). The blood that dealt with past sins deals with our daily sins for "...if we walk in the light...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Sin has taken up residence in the lives of all mankind, but it does not reside in His children. The blood of Jesus, the Divine vaccine, always protects us. Is there any wonder He said, "Be faithful until death and I will give you a crown of life"?

~ Dan Jenkins

Keep These Dates in Mind	June Birthdays and Anniversaries		
<p>June 6 – Potluck</p> <p>Please let Lynette Jones know about upcoming events so she can include them in the bulletin.</p>	Leland Davis 6/1 Henry & Mary Beth Walker 6/2 Fran Henniger 6/7 Rachel Welder 6/8 Phyllis Hubbard 6/10 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15 Craig Bolt 6/15 Maurice Bunker 6/15	Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17 Thelma Gritzan 6/19 Bill & Fran Gregory 6/19 Sue Pierce 6/26 Jenifer Mooney 6/28 Karen McBurney 6/30 Shannon Mendoza 6/30	
Bible Studies			
Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - Romans Wed p - John		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 Michael Stimson, Jim Preston			



Leland Davis plans to wait to hold a **memorial service for Marilyn** until their daughter, Christie, is able to travel from her home in Italy to be here. Christie is their last living child. We know the grief of them having lost a son and a daughter to cancer just a couple of years apart recently.

In Our Prayers

Correction: It is Andre and Emily, not Lance.

Ken Winstead is having surgery this week. Please keep the family in your prayers and pray that all will go smoothly.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. (Colossians 2:6-8)

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)

Rejoicing in God's Revelation

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard" (Psalm 19:1-3).

In Psalm 19 David describes the ways in which God reveals Himself and His Will to man. First, God has revealed Himself to man by general revelation through His creation. As the opening verses above show, God has shown His glory to man through the works which He has made. As we behold a breathtaking sunrise or sunset, it is revealed to us the Almighty God made these things (Psalm 19:4-6). We are reminded of the might of God throughout nature. Although our hearts go out and our prayers are lifted up to the victims of a tornado, hurricane, or tsunami, when such events occur, our hearts are filled with awe and fear as we consider the power of God to create such forces of nature.

The works of God's creation speak continually that there is a God which made them: "Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge" (Psalm 19:2). There is nowhere on earth where people are unable to hear God revealing Himself to them through the things which He has made: "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (Psalm 19:3-4). The main question for me to consider is: "Am I listening to God revealing Himself to me through His creation?"

Psalm 19 also speaks about how God has revealed Himself to us through His special revelation which is found in the Scriptures. After describing how God has revealed Himself to man through His Creation found in nature, David now turns His attention to how God has made known His Will for mankind through His Word: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" (Psalm 19:7-9). It is awesome to consider how God inspired 40 men to write the 66 books of the Bible over a 1500-year period without there being one contradiction in the pages of Scripture. Within the pages of God's Word are contained the guidance we need to walk in a path which will lead to a blessed life: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Although God's revealing Himself to mankind through both His Creation and His Word is a blessing He has given, we are encouraged to respond to this gift from God by eagerly pursuing God's instructions for us: "More to be desired are they, than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). God's Word provides warnings of what not to do and guidance of what to do so that we may be blessed: "Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression" (Psalm 19:11-12).

Today, rejoice that God has revealed Himself in both His Creation and through His Word. Take time to contemplate and appreciate how and why He did this for us. Welcome and desire His guidance in your life and strive to walk within the paths He has revealed for us to follow!

~Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ, Daily Devo