

The Priesthood of All Believers

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 2:4-5 NASB).

Under the old covenant, only the Levites could serve as priests. Priests had two functions: (1) they offered up sacrifices in worship, and (2) they were to “to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses” (Lev. 10:11).

Under the new covenant, however, every Christian shares in the priesthood. Every Christian has the responsibility to worship and to teach others the unsearchable riches of Christ. “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy” (1 Pet. 2:9-10 ESV).

There are souls all around your neighborhood that needs the gospel of Jesus Christ, and God has asked every Christian to be involved in proclaiming the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ~Phil Sanders

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

Attendance 09/01 60

Budget \$2400.33

Contribution 09/01 \$2609.50

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### Some Are Not Children of God

It is a great privilege to be a child of God. There is no greater privilege on earth. “Behold what matter of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God, and each we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (1 John 3:1). because we are children of God, we have the right to worship Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13). “And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Col 3:17). Through Jesus we can approach the Father in worship. Through Jesus we can approach the Father in worship. “As children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in the time of your ignorance. In this the children of God are manifest...and whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.” (1 Peter 1:14; 1 John 3:10, 22). If we are God’s children, we can worship him through His Son.

Jesus tells us, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Again, Paul says, “for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father” (Eph. 2:18). The only worship acceptable to God is that which is offered through Jesus Christ. “And in none other is there salvation for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Jesus Christ is our mediator, our only mediator, by Whom we offer acceptable worship to God. “For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Tim. 2:5-6). So, our worship to God must go through the name (authority) of Christ. “And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col. 3:17).

Where and how we become children of God is clearly shown in the apostle’s writing. “For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor Free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one man in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:26-28). We are children of God, “in Christ.” Notice carefully, “in Christ” we have salvation. “Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Tim. 2:10). Through Him we are “blessed...with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). All of the promises of God come through Jesus Christ. “For how many soever be the promises of God, in him is the yea; wherefore also through him is the Amen, unto the glory of God through us” (2 Cor. 1:20).. Yet, many try to worship God without ever becoming children of God as the Scriptures teach.

We need to learn the lesson again: Being religious is not enough! Let us seek to know God, learn His will and worship acceptably. Let us humbly submit ourselves to Him as obedient children, so that our worship will be acceptable to Him. There is no other way we can approach the Father, except through His Son using the methods and worship He authorizes. Let us do things His way, and enjoy His blessings. ~Clem Thurman

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>September Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>			<b>But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you</b>
09/01 First Sunday Potluck 09/08 Open Congregational Meeting 5p 09/14 Men's Breakfast and Fellowship 10/06 First Sunday Potluck 10/12 Men's breakfast and fellowship 10/13 Open Congregational Meeting 5p	Craig & Debbie Bolt 9/1 Janette Pettey 9/13 Jack Danley 9/18 LaVeda Brumfield 9/22			
<b>Today's Speaker:</b> <b>Al Lindsay</b> Speakers scheduled for this month: 9/1 – Clarence Botts 9/8 – Al Lindsay 9/15 – Tom Mendoza 9/22 – Joe Botts 9/29 – Leonard Peters	<b>Bible Studies</b>			
	<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday am.–Genesis Wed pm – Fruits of the Spirit	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class -</b> Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class</b> Th. 10-11:30am Resumes 9/12/2019	

**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Karen McBurney's father and brother, .

**Jim Preston** as he is dealing with the infection in his knee.  
**Lupe Mendoza** as she is facing uncertainty about cancer at this time.

Friday Bible Study class will resume next Friday 9/13, 1:30-3:30pm, in the Fellowship room. Bible questions are studied and openly discussed in an informal setting. A daily Bible reading program beginning in Matthew is planned to begin soon. Questions from the reading will be discussed together at the Friday class. All are welcome. For further info, contact Al or Pat Lindsay.



### And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation

#### **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)

### **We Need More Like Amos**

I have recently been telling myself that if I ever have a son, I'm going to name 'him Amos. If there was ever a man of God on this earth, Amos was that man. The Tekoan herdsman had a commission from God to leave his homeland (Judah, the Southern kingdom) and go preach the word of the Lord to a wicked, rebellious, materialistic people -Israel (the Northern kingdom). He pulled no punches; he did not "avoid the issues." Amos told the idolatrous, worldly Israelites what they needed to hear. There was no "fear of the brethren" in this man.

God had taken care of the children of Abraham, especially blessing them (Amos 2:9-10; 3:1-2). But under Jeroboam II, the nation had expanded, and prosperity abounded. The people had gotten rich (3:151 4:2-3; 6:4), and because of that, they were worldly and did not want God's Word. They "commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not" (2:12). As in the days of Isaiah, they did not want "right things;" they wanted "smooth things" (Isa. 30: 10). What an uncanny parallel to the world and the church today: Our people are so entangled with the affairs of this life -pleasure, sports, money, sex, etc. -that time for God is at a minimum. Temptations so surround us and bombard us that we get frustrated and give in too often to those temptations. The answer to worldliness today is the same Amos gave to the people of his day: "Seek the Lord, and ye shall live. . .seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall-be with you....hate the evil and love the good and establish judgment (justice) in the gate" (Amos 5:6, 14-15). There is hope yet for us; but the choice is ours (Josh. 24:15), and no amount of excuse-making will spare us from the wrath of God.

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion... that lie upon beds of ivory... (Amos 6:1,4). There has probably never been a richer, more prosperous nation than America. And that richness is also in the church. We obtain anything and everything we want. And whatsoever our eyes desire, we keep not from them (Eccles. 2:10). Worldliness has reared its ugly head in the church so much that we are comfortable, we are at ease in our plush, fine buildings and we do not want the "boat rocked" by some "fire breathing" preacher who talks about the justice of God. Too many preachers "divine for money...and Say Is not the Lord among us? None evil can come upon us" (Micah 3:11). Don't count on it. "Therefore shall Zion for your sake ,be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps" (Micah 3:12). Brethren, when are we going to learn that God Means what he says, and he is as much a God of justice (2 Thess. 1:6) as he is a God of love. And God's justice demands punishment for the sins of the unrighteous. What have we become? --do we now accept the Calvinist doctrine of "once saved, always saved"? "I punched my ticket at baptism, now I can relax in a pew and slide into heaven" --is this what we now believe? Whence cometh the idea that God will stomach such nonsense? Hear the Lord through his preachers "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take thou away-from me the noise of the songs" (Amos 5:21-23). Their worship was not pleasing to God; indeed, it was just so much "noise" in his ears. We have people today who are flourishing; nonchalantly and inactively, in their "houses of ivory" (3:15), involved in sins that would cause the heathen to mock and blush (2:9), and "God's prophets" of today are still telling Amos "O thou seer, go, flee thee away" into another land "and there eat bread, and prophesy there" (Amos 7:12). Why? Because ".the land is" no longer able .to bear his word! (7:10) Brethren, we will not escape the Lord God (5:19). "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (4:12).

Where are the Amoses today that will fearlessly proclaim what the people need to hear? They aren't preaching in pulpits that avoid the sins of the people, and condone ungodliness and rebellion from others. They aren't preaching in the pulpits that shout "We need to preach more love and grace, and remember that, regardless of the sin, these are still our brethren, God's children." Indeed, they are. And to whom did Amos prophesy -God's children. They aren't preaching in the pulpits that compromise and "backslap" that say "you believe what you want to and I'll believe what I want to and we will all get along just fine." The Amoses of today are like the Amos in the Bible -they realize that sin is wrong, and if unrepented of (in other words, stopped), God will come in justice (Amos 2:13-16; 3:1-8; 3:11,15; 4:2-3; 12-13; 5:16-17; et al.). We need to quit overlooking, excusing, and justifying our sins and the sins of the world, and return to godly preaching, and godly living, as true Christians ought. As one man well said "If you are going to be a Christian, act like it!"

Yes, brethren, we need a few more like Amos: Let us humbly and sincerely pray that God will send us some more like Amos. A few more who will say AND DO like Micaiah "As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak" (1 Kings 22:14). "Let justice run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24). ~ Mark K. Lewis