



The Nature of the Soul

Does man possess an enduring soul, or an incorruptible spirit, that will exist forever? Yes, There is a soul that survives the death of the body, both for the righteous and the wicked (Revelation 6:9; Matthew 19:28).

The disobedient are to be subjected to eternal punishment (Matthew 25:46), which will consist of suffering (2 Thessalonians 1:9). There is, however, no punishment, or suffering, apart from consciousness. And yet, consciousness (Knowledge, awareness) is a characteristic of the spirit (1 Corinthians 2:11). One must necessarily infer, therefore, that the spirit (or soul) of man will exist in an external conscious state.

Jesus once said regarding the traitor Judas that it would have been better for that man had he never been born (Mark 14:21). If Judas did not exist before his earthly life, and yet he was to be annihilated eventually, how does the Lord's statement make sense? How is non-existence better than non-existence?

The soul is our most valuable possession; it is worth more than the whole world (Matthew 16:26). Let us, therefore, adorn the spirit with incorruptible apparel (1 Peter 3:4), befitting its nature. ~Wayne Jackson

Discover the Joy

Discover the joy of giving. Christians discover giving as a natural response to God's love. We discover the privilege of extending that love throughout the year as our gifts to the church bring joy to other's lives, and to our own lives. Our gifts may start out as ordinary dollars, but they transform into eternal expressions of God's love through missions, education, worship and more. Rediscover the privilege of giving and discover the joy.

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

Attendance 11/01: 31 | Budget \$2484.00 | Contribution: 11/01: N/A

Truth is the Truth

What is truth? There are those who would ask this question to suggest that there is no such thing as truth, that there is no absolute, that the answer depends on the values of the one who is giving it, and that "Truth" varies from culture to culture and from country to country. Is it really left up to each individual to decide what the truth is, what is right and what is wrong, what he will accept and what he will reject, what is good for him and what is bad for him?

Surely if we believe there is a God in heaven, that there is a Creator, that he is all-powerful, knows all, sees all, hears all, and loves all, then we would have to conclude that He knows the facts. He knows our needs, and He knows what to tell us so that we may be saved and have the hope of eternal life. He would, therefore, not lie to us, deceive us, or mislead us. Neither would He tell one to do one thing and another to do something else. He would not have one message for one culture and another message for another culture. He created all of us, and He knows we are all in sin. Because of that, He sent His Son, Jesus to die for the sins of the whole world. Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

"There is one God, one Lord one Spirit, one faith, one baptism, one church, and one hope" (Ephesians 4:4-6). We are also told there is one way, one door, one gospel, one foundation, one name, one worship, one day of worship, one heave and one hell. In all these things, and others which could be added, there is ONLY ONE and all of us know that ONE means ONE, not TWO or THREE or MORE. Someone can explain truth away misinterpret it, or reject it, but it remains, in spite of all, ONLY ONE. Fact is fact and truth is truth, and it does not change.

The Lord has revealed His will to us through the pages of the Bible. It is inspired of God (2 Tim. 3:16. 17), it is Spirit and life (John 6:63) and is therefore from God and is God's word. It should not be added to, subtracted from, or changed, but left as it is (Rev. 22:18,19). God knew man's needs and, in response to those needs, He told man what he must do. With all people having the same disease – the disease of sin – God prescribed the same remedy for all (Mark 16:15, 16).

The Lord knows what He wants us to do. He has told all of us to do the same thing, and when we do that, He save all of us the same way, and adds all of us to His one church (Acts 2:38, 47). God has spoken (Hebrew 1:1,2). He has spoken the truth (John 8:32). We are then to live by it, preach it, and take it to every creature under heaven. ~J.C. Choate

***There is a God, He is alive. In him we live, and we survive.
From dust our God created man,
He is our God, the great J AM.***

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



If some people think that believing Jesus is the Son of God means that I am crazy, then I guess I'm crazy.

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



In Our Prayers

Linda Lafferty came home Tuesday, but is back in Trios tonight with blood pressure issues.

Jim Preston's knee is doing okay. Currently, however, he is dealing with debilitating migraines

Fran Henniger was admitted to Kadlec Friday night with a Kidney stone that was trapped outside the kidney. It was determined that the kidney was filled with infection and the doctors were worried about sepsis. She did have sepsis but was not in septic shock. She was in ICU at last update. She did not have an embolism as they feared and they are stabilizing her so they can treat the kidney stone and infection. Her daughter Sarah has been allowed to be with her during visiting hours.

Sarah Mendoza tested positive for COVID-19. Since she lives with Danny and Shannon, they were tested, they were negative, but are erring on the side of caution and staying home until they are sure they are not contagious and apt to spread the virus to anyone.

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)

Temptations and Trials

Temptation comes to all of us, none of us are immune to temptation. Even the Son of God, as He walked on this earth as a man experienced temptation (Heb 4:15). Even Jesus was tempted, just as we are, yet He was able to resist temptation and did not sin.

Scripture says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man: but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed" (James 1:13-14). As long as we are in this life, Satan is going to place temptations in front of us. And, we need to be prepared for such obstacles as He puts in our way (1 Peter 5:8). Satan is constantly on the prowl, seeking ways to draw us away from the Lord and leading us into sin.

Our real problem with temptation is rooted in the pleasures which sin gives. It is written of Moses, "Choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:25). If there was no pleasure in sin, few of us would be tempted. If we could only see how brief the pleasure is and how long the remorse for our misdeeds will endure, the temptation would not be as strong.

The word of God helps us do that. "With my heart have I sought thee: Oh let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:10-11). But even temptation can help us – if we let it. "Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptation; Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4). When we succumb to temptation, it becomes a curse to us. But when we resist temptation, it can bring us closer to God. (James 4:7-8). Even temptation becomes a means of pushing us closer to God and His blessings.

The Lord Jesus told the apostles, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:15-16). The apostle Paul later wrote, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith" (Rom 1:16-17). Surely, then, the gospel is a blessing to mankind.

The gospel points the way to God through faith in Jesus Christ as His Son. "No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him and I will raise him up in the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Everyone that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me" (John 6:44-45). And it offers eternal salvation to all people (2 Tim. 2:10). That word is able to save your souls (James 1:21), and "is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). It is by that revealed word that God "hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). And that gospel equips us to become mature (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The gospel is truly a blessing to all of us.

But what if one hears the gospel, then does not do what the Lord Jesus said? If one refuses to obey the gospel, it brings the vengeance of Christ upon him! (2 Thess. 1:7-9). When some refused to listen to Jesus, He told them, "I come not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him, the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:46-48). The gospel will be a blessing to those who accept it, but it will condemn all those who reject it.

The experiences of this life, with the pleasures and trials, can bring either blessing or curse. We determine, by how we respond, which it shall be. God can bring good out of any experience, if we let Him have His way in our lives. Just as the Scripture says, "To them that love God all things work together for good" (Rom. 8:28). May God grant us the wisdom to follow the right course, that everything in life may "work together for good" as we prepare to live forever with God. Every event can bring a blessing or a curse. The decision is yours. Will you accept the gospel and find blessing, or reject it to find the curse? ~Clem Thurman