

We Love the Souls of Everyone

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3–4).

Because we love the souls of men and want them to go to heaven, we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul knew this burden and said, “I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:14–16).

Because we love the souls of men, we are not afraid to speak out against sin. We know that passions of the flesh “wage war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11).

Because we love the souls of men, we preach the need to follow Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. “No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

Because we love the souls of men, we point people to what is best. The Lord Jesus came to bring us an abundant life (John 10:10). His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30). He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He is “our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30). We can do no better than to preach Jesus and Him crucified to every soul in every place who will hear.—Phil Sanders

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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A Key Verse That We Need to Know

Early in His ministry, Jesus made this bold declaration: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). Think about each element of this verse and the two verses that follow.

There is nothing more important or essential for us than to “enter the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus first tells us who will NOT enter the kingdom of heaven. It is not enough to say to Jesus, “Lord, Lord.” What did He mean by that? Look at the next verse (v. 22), as Jesus looks ahead to the day of judgment: “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’” Here are persons who, like Jesus discussed in verse 21, call to Him as Lord, AND they itemize for Jesus some things that they have done for Him in His name.

Think for a moment, how impressive the actions are that are mentioned in verse 22: prophesied, cast out demons, done many wonders. They are very impressive things to be able to do for the Lord in His name. And, notice how sincerely these people thought that what they were doing was right, acceptable, and even commendable by the Lord.

Was there something wrong with what they were doing? It all sounds good and looks good. Jesus’ stern rebuke and condemnation in verse 23 is compelling. To these individuals who just claimed to have done all of these great things for the Lord in His name, Jesus pronounces: “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” To a group of sincere believers and followers, who just declared their allegiance to Him and doing deeds in His name, Jesus announced: (1) “I never knew you”; (2) “Depart from Me”; (3) “You practice lawlessness!” Their activities for Him were lawless.

Jesus had warned in verse 21 that, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven.” Then, He gave a clear illustration that He is dead-serious about this warning; He will not hesitate to condemn for all eternity even those who sincerely claim to follow Him.

Let’s go back up to verse 21. Jesus also makes it very clear who SHALL enter the kingdom of heaven—it is “he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” That is a VERY limited number of people (see verses 13-14). Jesus said that there are only a FEW who would do the will of the Father and enter the narrow gate of heaven. In Matthew 7, Jesus both limits and specifies the ones who will go to heaven. Are you in that number? Are you doing the will of the Father in heaven? ~David Sproule



For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what has been planted.

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones,

a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace. (Eccl. 3:1-8)

Keep These Dates in Mind	October Birthdays and Anniversaries		
10/12 Men's breakfast and fellowship 10/13 Open Congregational Meeting 5p 10/20 Meet & Greet Potluck with Randy Sparks 11/03 First Sunday Potluck 11/09 Men's breakfast and fellowship 11/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5p	LeRoy & Sue Pierce 10/4 Kenneth Winstead 10/6 LaVern Engelke 10/8 Mark & Sue Minor 10/9 Bill Johnson 10/18 Clarence Botts 10/22	Melinda Botts 10/25 Harvey Jones 10/25 Tom Mendoza 10/25 Mark & Sue Minor 10/9 Norm & Phyllis Hubbard 10/29	
	Bible Studies		
Morning Speaker: Danny Mendoza	Adult Bible Classes Sunday am.–Genesis Wed pm – Fruits of the Spirit/Works of the Flesh	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Th. 10-11:30am
This evening's video: The Holy Spirit and It's works			

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



Please keep **Doris Pennington's** daughter-in-law in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery.

There is no potluck today. It has been moved to October 20th when **Randy Sparks** will be here to speak to us and interview for the position of minister. Please plan to attend the meet and greet that October 19 and services on Sunday when he will be bring both lessons.

A beautiful soul loves without condition, talks without bad intention, gives without a reason - and most of all – cares for people without any expectation

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)

Petu 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)

Take Away the filthy garments

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, 'Take away the filthy garments from him.' And to him He said, 'See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes' " (Zechariah 3:3-4).

Have you ever had stains in clothing that were so bad there was nothing else to do but to throw away the garment? If we view sin as stains on our garments, can we simply wash them to get rid of them or do we need to throw them away and get new garments?

The prophet Zechariah gives us a picture of how God views sin as stains which cannot be removed easily from our garments. As Zechariah continues through the 8 visions he has in the same night, which were designed to encourage God's people that God was still zealous for them even though they had endured the Babylonian captivity because of their sins, Zechariah describes the vision he has of Joshua the High Priest of his day (Zechariah 3:1-10).

In this vision, in what type of garments is Joshua pictured? Why is he pictured in filthy garments instead of the regular clean priestly garments (cf. Zechariah 3:3; cf. Exodus 28:1-43)? As the High Priest of God, Joshua was the representative of the people before God. He offered sacrifices on behalf of the people in worship to God. In the current situation with the people just returning from Babylonian captivity, Joshua, as the representative of the people before God, is pictured with filthy garments representing the people's sins.

However, the Angel of the Lord says, "Take away the filthy garments from Him". He also adds, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes" (Zechariah 3:4). Joshua is also told that he be given a clean turban (Zechariah 3:5). Later, the High Priest Joshua will also be given an elaborate crown indicating God's restored favor upon Himself and Israel (Zechariah 6:11).

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6). All of our attempts to be righteous before God fall woefully short when we try to do it our own way and based on our own merit. The apostle Paul described his desire to be found righteous before God: "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Philippians 3:9). To become righteous, we must be made righteous by God which involves placing our faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us because of our sins, submitting ourselves to God's Will, and doing those things which God tells us to do to become righteous in His sight.

When we obey the gospel of Christ, our sins are washed away by the blood of Christ as we are immersed in the waters of baptism (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Furthermore, we are baptized "into" Christ where we contact His precious blood that has the power to forgive our sins (Galatians 3:27; Matthew 26:28). However, like Joshua the High Priest of Zechariah's day, we too are promised to be clothed in some new garments when we get to heaven. Today, I rejoice that God has forgiven me of my sins through the precious blood of His Son and I look forward to receiving my new garments in heaven!

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels" (Revelation 3:5).

~SV Church of Christ - Daily Devo



Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul; Break down every idol, cast out every foe—

Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.