

The Priesthood of All Believers

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

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Attendance 10/06 70

Budget \$2400.33

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Thank God I am a 'Whoever'

The Bible is filled with verses that use the word “whoever” or “whosoever.” I am so thankful that this is true. In Old Testament times, God had His chosen nation called Israel because the rest of mankind had turned away from Him. However, such is no longer true for the New Testament is full with promise to the “whoever’s.”

Can you imagine how tragic it would be to have the knowledge you have of God, of His purposes and His providence if you were not part of that plan? Imagine knowing the one mediator between God and man and you being excluded from the picture. Imagine knowing of the words, “Come you blessed of Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matt. 25:34), and you being excluded from them! God perish the thought!

Take time to read these “whoever” verses, and then imagine you are excluded from them. Think about it. Then, read them a second time and take time to thank God you are included. Think about it.

God’s “whoever” verses. “Whoever offers praise glorifies Me and...I will show the salvation of God” (Psa. 50:23). “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Joel 2:32). Think about it.

Jesus’ “whoever” verses. “Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32-33). “Whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:15). “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst” (John 4:13-14). “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:54). “Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:26). “Whoever believes in Me shall not abide in darkness” (John 12:46). Think about it.

The apostles’ “whoever” verses. “But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him . . . Whoever believes in Him will receive the remission of sins” (Acts 10:35, 43). “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame” (Rom. 9:33). Think about it.

The last “whoever” verse. Now go to the last page in in the Bible. Read the final words of God. “The Spirit and the bride say ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:17). As you read His words, just imagine what it would be like if you were excluded. How blessed we are. Think about it! ~Dan Jenkins

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought;
for it does not cease to
Bear fruit.”

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: Clarence Botts	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: Certainty in a day of Doubt			

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



Remember our monthly potluck has been moved to next weekend when **Rusty Stark** will be here to speak to us and interview for the position of minister. Please plan to attend the meet and greet next weekend and services on Sunday when he will bring both lessons.

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those
Who take refuge in him.
Do not add to his words,
Lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar. (Prov. 30:5,6)

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)

Calling Us to Repentance

"And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, 'Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' When Jesus heard that, He said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." 'For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance' " (Matthew 9:11-13).

What is repentance? Repentance has been defined as a change of heart, brought about by godly sorrow, resulting in a change of life (cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10). How do I feel about talking about my need to repent? Is it a negative subject or do you view it as a positive subject to discuss?

Jesus came to save sinners as He said: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). God's motive for sending His Son was His love for the world (John 3:16). Paul understood this as he wrote, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15).

However, as indicated in the opening verses above, in order to save us from our sins Christ came to call us to repentance (Matthew 9:13). In the context of this verse, Jesus had been eating with some tax collectors which many viewed as the worst of all sinners (Matthew 9:9-11). However, Jesus makes the point that all of us have the same need to repent of our sins. Before God can save us, we have to understand we are sinners and are lost in sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23). We have to have a heart that wants to change! When we understand that Christ had to die because of our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19), we should want to quit the sinning business. In fact, knowing how much God loves us should motivate us to turn from a life of sin. Paul questioned those who failed to remember how God's goodness should affect their lives: "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

Christ himself had rebuked the people who failed to repent in those cities in which he had preached and carried out his ministry. Matthew records, "Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you' " (Matthew 11:20-24).

Jesus still offers us His compassionate call for all men to come to Him: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). I rejoice that I had the opportunity to heed that call by obeying the gospel (Mark 16:15-16). These verses remind me that part of the gospel of Christ is my need to repent of my sins. This is not a negative thing, but a positive thing as I choose to allow God to work on my heart, turning me from a desire to let sin rule and reign in my life to remembering His great goodness in saving me from my sin and motivating me to serve Him (Romans 6:11-14)!

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30) ~Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ, Daily Devo

Understanding worldliness

Thayer: "Worldly affairs; the aggregate of things earthly; the whole circle of goods, endowments, advantages, pleasures, etc., which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ."

Worldliness is over emphasis on the things of the world; over emphasis on temporal things.

Worldliness includes things morally neutral; but we give them more time than we do God.

Worldliness is deceiving! Like politicians it promises much, but delivers very little! Heb. 11:25; Jas. 1:12-15

Worldliness is dangerous! Jas. 4:4