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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Water Baptism and Calvinism

Forgiveness of sins is not obtained at the moment one **believes**. Belief (faith) is a step “toward” forgiveness of sins. Mark 16:16 says *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned.”* In John 1:12 we are told that those who believe have the power, authority, privilege, *“...to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”* Those who believe and stop there are not yet sons of God!

Forgiveness of sins is not obtained at the moment one **Repents**. Repenting is a step “toward” forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Repentance is a “change of mind.” One’s change of mind is no good unless it is completed in action” – a change of conduct, life. *“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ...Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only”* (James 1:17, 24,26)

Forgiveness of sins is not extended at the moment one **confesses** that Jesus is the Son of God. Confession is a step “toward” forgiveness of sins. Roman 10:9-10 says: *“...If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”* –not into salvation (Rom 10:9-10). Jesus said, *“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say”* (Luke 6:46)?

Forgiveness of sins is extended at the moment one is **baptized** (immersion). Baptism is the step that puts one into contact with Christ’s blood that washes sins away. (Rev 1:5). That’s why Ananias told Saul: *“And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:6) There is no Bible record of Saul eating, drinking or sleeping after being blinded on the road to Damascus. If he was saved on the road he did not know it. He was miserable for three days because he was still in his sins. Ananias told him what to do to have his sins washed away.

Romans 6:3-18 reveals that sinners are baptized into Christ. It is in water baptism they contact Jesus’ blood. *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him,, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”* (vs. 3-6). A sinner goes down into the water, it is there forgiveness of sins takes place and a new man is raised up out of the water to live a Christian life. There is no new life without it!

Notice in the same context verses 16-18 (Rom 6) *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”* These brethren had obeyed that form of doctrine they had received. What “form of doctrine” had been delivered to them. It was the teaching they had received and obeyed back in verses 3-6 – the act of being baptized. Before baptism they were the servants of sins, but now they are made free from sin by being baptized. ~Garland M. Robinson

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
01/04 Monthly Potluck 01/10 Men's Business Meeting 01/13 Hand and Foot get together	Linda Lafferty 1/8 Norm Hubbard 1/17 Larry Moore 1/19 Michelle Staples 125 Hannah Mendoza 1/29	
Today's News	Bible Studies	
Potluck Today	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

For us to remember:

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Pam Fox**
- **Doreen Martinez** stomach cancer
- **Sandi Gray** as she is preparing to fix the valve in her heart. Jan 12
- **Jonni Marcotte** is in Richland Rehab. She would enjoy visits. She is in room 110.
- **Joe Marcotte** – is in his new home. Address is 1508 S. Olympia Pl. Kennewick WA 99337 if you want to send cards.
- **Carlos Soto and Chris Romero** (Boys in car crash) as they continue to heal
- **Lupe Mendoza** – Congestive Heart Failure

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	C. Sullins	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza	L. Moore A. Rodriguez	D. McLaughlin
Next Week	G. Keever	J. Mendoza	J. Wilson	K. Winstead L. Moore	B. Lafferty

An Active Christian Remains a Christian

In the middle ages, the joust became a very popular event. It was a battle between warriors of the noble class showing off their skills to win prizes. It was very dangerous and violent.

The event mainly served as entertainment for the people, but there were a couple secondary benefits. It kept the skills of these professional soldiers sharp, and it served as an outlet for their aggression. Knights were raised for the purpose of battle. They went through years of rigorous training from a young age so that they could effectively fight wars. If that kind of skill isn't put into practice, there is a high chance they might lose it or find themselves getting into trouble.

Something very similar can happen when a Christian doesn't actively practice their faith. Christians have been created for a very important purpose: to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:18-20). The New Testament tells us that we are to be soldiers for Christ in this effort (1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 2:3). We have been issued weapons to fight this battle (2 Cor. 10:4-6; Eph. 6:17), we have been fitted with armor to protect us (Eph. 6:11-18), and we have been taught how to use them (2 Tim. 1:13; 3:16-17). If we do not put these into practice, we will lose them, and we will probably find ourselves getting into trouble.

It is hard for a lazy Christian to remain a Christian. A soldier of Christ requires training. 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If we are lazy in our studies, we will grow weak in the knowledge of the Bible.

A soldier of Christ also requires missions. The gospel message was the primary drive for Paul and the early church. Paul said in Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." If we are lazy in sharing the gospel, we will lose our purpose.

When Christians forget their purpose, it becomes much easier to fall into sin. 2 Thessalonians 3:11 tells us of Christians who stopped working and became disorderly and busybodies. Instead of being occupied with the Lord's work, they fixated on the affairs of others. What was Paul's solution? In verse 13, he tells us, "...do not grow weary in doing good."

As soldiers of Jesus Christ, we have the most important purpose in the entire world: to bring souls to Jesus. If we want to remain in Christ, we cannot neglect our purpose. ~Robert Lupo

Wednesday Night Devotional

	song leader	Devotional		song leader	Devotional
01/07	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	02/04	J. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin
01/14	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	02/11	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
01/21	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson			
01/28	L. Moore	G. Keever			

NEW TESTAMENT

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WORD LIST

APOSTLE	HEROD	LAMB	ROMANS
CHRIST	JAMES	LUKE	SERMON
CROSS	JESUS	MARK	SPIRIT
GOSPEL	JOHN	PAUL	TEMPLE
GRACE	KINGDOM	PETER	TITUS

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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