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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



We Don't Deserve the Name

Do you ever take a moment to appreciate the name that Jesus has given you? If you have been baptized into Christ's church, then you are a Christian. You have been forgiven of your sins, raised as a new man, and given a holy inheritance as a child of God (cf. Eph. 1:11-14). What did we ever do to deserve such an honor?

To be a Christian is to be declared a disciple of our perfect Lord who suffered and died the death that was awaiting us all. He committed no crime, He never sinned, yet He bore our sins to purchase us and make us His own. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). What did we ever do to deserve such mercy?

We haven't done a thing to deserve the name of Christian. What we deserve is punishment for all the acts of rebellion we've committed against our heavenly Father. We deserve the wages of death accrued for our sin (cf. Rom. 6:23). The absolute last thing we deserve is to be forgiven and made sons of the Most High God (cf. Rom. 8:14-17).

The actions we've taken in our lives should mark us as forsaken and condemned. As Paul put it, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? (Rom. 7:24). But instead, God calls us His beloved (cf. Col. 3:12).

Paul saw himself as what he was: a murderer who should be condemned. In 1 Corinthians 15:9, Paul says, "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." Paul was the worst kind of criminal, yet God granted him a new identity. In verse 10, Paul continues, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

Paul didn't deserve to be called a Christian, but God made him one. He has done the same thing for us. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Though we were sinners Christ died for us and gave us the chance to attain a new life free of all of our guilt. All praise belongs to God.

We deserve to be called sinners. We deserve to be called children of wrath. We don't deserve to wear the name "Christian." But, we can choose to live like we do. We can live like Paul who recognized the incredible mercy bestowed on him and pushed himself to labor as hard as he could for the name he was given. What could we do today to show the world the glorious name of Christ that we wear?

~Robert Lupo

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
09/06 Monthly Potluck 09/08 Hand & Foot Get Together 09/12 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a	Craig & Debra Bolt 9/1 Janette Petty 9/13 Darrell & Shirley McLaughlin 9/16 Virgil & Jonni Marcotte 9/17 Jack Danley 9/18	Rick & Delina Woodward 9/26 Lonna Rau 9/29
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – Titus Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursdays (11:00-12:30) Classes begin Sept 10 – Study in James

For us to remember:

- Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Lupe Mendoza, Jim Preston, Doreen Martinez, Pat Lindsay, George Bills, Seth Haas, Donny Mendoza, Jonni Marcotte, Linda Bills, Doris Pennington
- Richard and Laurie Sutton's daughter
- Salvador (father of Karen's caregiver) as he recovers from surgery
- LaRita Savage Broken Collarbone
- Jer Henshaw
- Justin Henshaw broken bones in scapula
- Rod Gillespie – heart issues
- Jonni Marcotte is coming home Sept 9th
- Randy – (Children's home manager) Cancer
- Upcoming Lectureship in Linder Road Oct 17-20 Grace Factor

Congregational Meetings Sep 13 Dec 13 Mar 14 Jun 13			Prayer Meetings Nov 04 Feb 03 May 05 Aug 04		
Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	J. Danley	H. Jones	J. Wilson	L. Moore G. Keever	B. Lafferty
Next Week	H. Jones	D. Mendoza	J. Danley	L. Moore J. Wilson	D. McLaughlin

The Neglected Piece of Armor

Often times, when there is a study about putting on “the whole of armor of God,” which is described in Ephesians 6, there is great attention given to six pieces of Christian armor: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit. What a great study that makes! We must put on every piece (6:10-13)!

However, how often does that study include a seventh piece of armor? Seventh? That almost sounds like a Biblical number, like maybe God meant to list seven pieces of armor and not just six. May I encourage you, when you study the armor of God, to keep reading into verse 18 and finish with the seventh piece listed—“prayer.” In fact, Paul gives more attention to this piece than any other—“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

When you think about armor, you may not naturally think about prayer as a piece of armor, but it most definitely is. And, just as the sword of the Spirit can be both an offensive and a defensive “weapon,” so can prayer. Think about how the New Testament depicts prayer as a powerful piece of armor for faithful followers of Christ.

Prayer can keep us from being lead into temptation (Matt. 6:13; 26:41). Prayer can deliver us from the evil one (Matt. 6:13). Prayer can help us to find the way of escape from temptation (1 Cor. 10:12-13).

Prayer can give us boldness from God to speak for Him (Acts 4:29-31). Prayer can open doors for the Word of God, so that we may speak (Col. 4:3). Prayer can strengthen us with all might, that we might walk worthy of the Lord, please Him, be fruitful for Him, increase in knowledge, and grow in patience and longsuffering (Col. 1:10-11).

Prayer can fortify the peace of God in guarding our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7). Prayer can give us confidence that, even in the midst of trials and daily challenges, the Lord will deliver us (2 Cor. 1:10-11; Phil. 1:19; Phile. 22), even delivering from unreasonable and wicked men (2 Thess. 3:1-2). Prayer will help us to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God (Col. 4:12).

Study what your Bible tells you about prayer. And instead of seeing it as a “last resort” or as “a wish and a prayer” or as “better than nothing,” see it as a piece of armor that God grants to you from His own arsenal. Do you trust God? In trusting in prayer, you are trusting wholeheartedly the God to whom you pray, for the confidence we have is that “His ears are open to [our] prayers” (1 Pet. 3:12). That’s powerful! and souls as part of worship. Think soberly about it as you worship this week!

~David Sproule

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
09/02	C. Sullins	J. Wilson	09/30	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
09/09	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	10/07	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
09/16	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	10/14	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
09/23	H. Jones	L. Moore	10/21	H. Jones	D. McLaughlin

S H A D O W K N E E L I F T K	Again, Angels, Believe, Bible, Christ, Confess, Day, Faith, Falling, Glory, God, Grace, Great I AM, Hands, Healed, Healing, Heart, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Jesus, Joy, Kneel, Know how to pray, Lamp, Let, Life, Lift, Light, Lord, Needed, Praise, Prayer, Psalms, Rose, Shadow, Shepherd, Show hope, Show Love, Show Meekness, Slay in spirit, Sorrow, Taken by Love, Third -----
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Door Access			
Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin	Jan	Joe Wilson
Oct	Danny Mendoza	Feb	Gary Keever
Nov	Harvey Jones	Mar	Chase Sullins
Dec	Vern Engelke	Apr	Larry Moore

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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

Minister: Chase Sullins

Attendance 08/30 54 Contribution 08/30 \$2302.00