

Upcoming Events...

Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Fall Gospel Meeting: Mike Wilson, November 11-14

Business Meeting: October 14

Ladies Bible Class: October 21

Barnabas Group Meeting: September 25

Welcome New Members!

Placed Membership: Tamasi and Emilia Letalu; son, Joseph; daughter, Jaileen. Address: 82097 Hansen Dr. Indio, CA 92201. Phone: (760) 672-1249

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September Birthdays

2 Linda McGraw	3 Wendy Cortes	11 Marie Burruss
15 Marcos Perales	16 Jim Burruss	24 Mason Perales
28 Joseph Letalu	30 Dortha Gentry	30 Kurt Hoffman

September Anniversaries

13 Wendy & Luis Cortes

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:

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What God Wants

By Jay Kelley

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8 These three things - act justly, love mercy and walk humbly - are the focus of a Christ-centered life.

God expects His people to treat others fairly. Jesus summed that up in the Golden Rule. Fair treatment means a day's work for a day's pay, whether you are the worker or the payer. It means a fair shake for everyone with whom we deal, regardless of our personal feelings. It means standing up for right when it isn't popular. Ultimately, it means doing what God tells us to do all the time.

To love mercy is more than being merciful. It is one thing to grudgingly give mercy to those who deserve otherwise because God has ordered it as though we were children ordered to make up after a fight. It is quite another to love mercy so much we look for ways to show it. Jesus loved mercy, and his example was one of the greatest compassion in confronting the sins of the people combined with stern rebuke for those who led them.

Finally, we are to walk humbly with our God. When we think of the great privilege to walk with God, how can we do any less than walk humbly? It is a human tendency to get a little full of ourselves from time to time, and Christians are no exception.

It is good for us to remind ourselves that we are here simply by God's grace and the message we have been given is not our own, but God's. If that message is rejected, we should not angrily

assume it is personal. Rather, as those who love mercy, we should be saddened when someone seals their doom by rejecting God.

In the end, our outward obedience - frequency of communion, worship and even mode and reason for baptism - must come from a sincere desire to please God.

If not, we might as well be heathens.

Being a Christian Means...

By Edd Sterchi

Being a Christian means that at the point of my conversion, I was forgiven of all past sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Being a Christian also means that if I live faithful to God's will, I will be saved in heaven forevermore (2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 2:10)! But let's look at this another way: Being A Christian Means I Am Not What I Used To Be Prior to becoming a Christian, I was living in sin (Ephesians 2:1). Living in sin, I had no inheritance in the kingdom of God. (Ephesians 2:11-12) I used to be self-serving, directionless, without Christ, and without hope. It was a pitiful existence. But now, I am not what I used to be. I have hope, I have a purpose to my life, I have Christ! Because He died for me, I'll live for Him (2 Corinthians 5:15-17; 1 Peter 4:1-2)!

Being a Christian Means I Am Not What I Am Going To Be Even though a Christian, I still dwell in a world of temptation and in a weak physical frame. I have limitations. Even though striving toward perfection, I am not there yet. Even though maturing, I still have a long way to go. But there is coming a day when I will have a body like Christ's (Philippians 3:21). There is coming a day when I will be immortal and incorruptible (1 Corinthians 15:51-57). I look forward to this day, because that is the day I will be in heaven forevermore (2 Peter 3:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 4:17)!

But in the meantime, I have a lot to do. I need to continue to learn, love, live, and let others know the will of God. And I know that I can do even better in regard to these if I can remember that I am a Christian - I am not what I used to be, and I am not what I am going to be!

The Value of a Smile

A smile is nature's best antidote for discouragement. It brings rest to the weary, sunshine to those who are sad, and hope to those who are hopeless and defeated.

A smile is so valuable that it can't be bought, begged, borrowed, or taken away against our will. You have to be willing to give a smile away before it can do anyone else any good.

So, if someone is too tired or grumpy to flash you a smile, let him have one of yours anyway. Nobody needs a smile as much as the person who has none to give.

One's Legacy

By Ron Thomas

"The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot" (Proverbs 10:7)

Having gone to many funerals, it is easy to tell what kind of legacy the deceased left. You can tell much about a person's legacy when you consider the kind of life that person lived. What are some things that make a person's legacy good? To name a few, consider:

- Wisdom that transcends generations
- The life lived was morally upright
- The treatment of people, all people, was with respect and decency
- Always had regard for the well-being of his neighbor
- Raised children that reflect these same qualities
- And, most importantly, became a Christian and lived to God's glory.

It is better to have a good name than to be rich. One's wealth comes and goes, but a good name reflects the quality of one's life. It will always last, but a person's possessions will deteriorate. Legacy is more than just leaving positive influence with others.