

Member Information

Address Correction: Regarding Ana Munayco: be sure to put space #31 (**after** her address, and be sure to put the correct zip code): 79520 Varner Road, Indio, CA **92203**

Meetings Reminders

Men's Business Meeting: October 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Class: October 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Encouragement from Revelation 7:16-17...

"They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

October Birthdays

1 Brandon Taylor	25 Christina Bruni
1 Angeles Lomeli	25 Kaila Pena
3 Betty Heitmeyer	28 Allan Brown
9 Esmeralda McCollum	31 Ashley Lopez

Regular Meeting Times

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

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Heaven...think about it...

Treasures In Heaven

By Tom Sutherland

In general, people have become very materialistic. Their trust is being placed in things that exist now, things which are visible and can be touched. Little or no thought is given to the importance of seeking and finding spiritual values. The worldly-minded person is more interested in his assets, his financial affairs, the making of money, and the having of a "good time" than he is in God.

When a person realizes that the pursuit of worldly riches and fame is useless, what will he use to replace the material treasures he's always sought after? Jesus gave the answer in Matthew 6:19-21 when he said, *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Peter said in 1 Peter 1:13, *"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ..."* John said in 1 John 3:2-3, *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."*

Life can be a beautiful and rewarding experience if one will put spiritual service to God first, and allow the remainder of his existence to revolve around Jesus Christ. There is a life to be lived, deeds to be done, a goal to be reached, commands to be obeyed, and a home in heaven to look forward to. Anything so temporary as the material possessions of this life must not be allowed to take away the marvelous blessings of an eternity with God, our Father.

Jesus' Life in Four Words

By Roger D. Campbell

What Jesus did for you and me was an incredible demonstration of genuine love. What Jesus did for us, we do not deserve. What He did for us was an act of grace. We could never repay the debt that we owe Him. But, we can (and should) be grateful for Him and His life-giving sacrifice! Not a day should pass without us expressing our thanks to God for what His Son has done on our behalf. *"But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 15:57). Jesus did four amazing things for us.

HE CAME. He came from heaven to earth. He Himself said, *"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me"* (John 6:38). In heaven Jesus shared in the glory of the Father *"before the world was"* (John 17:5), but He left heaven to come to earth. Why? *"...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Timothy 1:15). Let us admit it without shame: if Jesus had not come, we could not be saved from our sins. Consider some of the beautiful words of the song *'He Still Came:'*

*Yet the King of kings left heaven to become a lowly man,
He left all heaven's glory to fulfill His Father's plan.
He still came just for me, He still came.
Knowing all He would endure, He still came.
Disregarding every cost, from the manger to the cross,
He still came just for me, He still came.*

HE WENT. He went to the cross. When the mob came to take Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, He could have called *"twelve legions of angels"* (72,000) to protect Himself (Matthew 26:53), but He didn't. Jesus had the power to run away from the interrogations of the Jewish council, Pilate, and Herod, but He chose not to do so. Instead, He endured mockery, physical and mental torture, and with the help of Simon carried His cross *"to the place which is called Calvary; there they crucified him"* (Luke 23:33). Why did our loving Lord go to the cross when He could have avoided it? The Bible's answer is plain: *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree"* (1 Peter 2:24). If Jesus had not gone to the cross, we would still be hopelessly lost!

HE STAYED. He stayed on the cross. After He was crucified, He hung on the cross for six hours (Mark 15:25, Mark 15:34-37). While He was still hanging there, some mockingly spoke these words of blasphemy: *"Save thyself, and come down from the cross...He saved others; himself he cannot save"* (Mark 15:30-31). Did Jesus have the power to come down from the cross? Of course! But He stayed right there until the end. Why? Because of His great love for us and because He knew that in God's plan, His death was a necessity.

HE RETURNED. He returned to heaven, where He sat down at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19). He went *"into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us"* (Hebrews 9:24). Upon His return to heaven, He was given *"dominion, and glory, and a kingdom"* (Daniel 7:13-14). There He *"ever liveth to make intercession for us"* (Hebrews 7:25). May we ever thrill at the story of Jesus!

Motivation

Heaven is not a state or condition. Heaven is a place. In John 14:2, Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."