



The Fellowship Newsletter

*"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another." John 13:35*

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Pastor's Corner

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give
unto you: not as the world giveth, give
I unto you. Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it be afraid.
John 14:27*

*These things I have spoken unto you,
that in me ye might have peace. In the
world ye shall have tribulation: but be
of good cheer; I have overcome the
world. John 16:33*

He Is Our Peace

In light of the events that transpired
on Tuesday September 11, 2001 as
America was attacked by terrorists
in New York, Washington, and
Pennsylvania, a lot of people have asked
how this relates to Biblical prophecy
regarding end times.

Well, this is the same question the
disciples asked Jesus as He sat on the
Mount of Olives in Matthew 24:3-8

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Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

As we see war looming on the horizon and the nations of the world gathering together to rise up against other nations ... we will begin to see the result of war: famines and pestilence. All of this is the beginning of sorrows or birth pangs; in other words, once the labor pains start, there is no stopping them (you gals who have children can relate to this); the birth is on its way.

Now this of course speaks of the end times, a time in which we are living now. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 24:44 *"therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."* Jesus can come for His church at any moment; therefore, we need to be ready. Jesus said to watch and be ready ... we need to be about the Father's business, sharing the gospel of Christ. This tragedy is truly a wake-up call for us as Christians. It should be a sign for us to wake up out of our sleep and be that light that Jesus says we should be — to be those who are sharing our faith openly and publicly as so many people today are lost, confused, and filled with despair. We, as Christians, have a great opportunity to share the gospel as so many are open to God; we are seeing this in the media as we've never seen it before.

While the events that have transpired are real and tangible, ultimately they are spiritually driven. It is a spiritual battle that is being waged Ephesians 6:12 tells us. Therefore, we know the battle belongs to the Lord, 1 Samuel 17:47 ... and

understanding this should bring us great rest, knowing that God will work out His perfect will in this and every situation, Romans 8:28. It not only brings us great rest but also great peace, to all who are in Christ Jesus, because Ephesians 2:14 says *"He is our Peace."*

May the God of all peace and comfort, comfort you so you can comfort others.

Love,
Pastor Clark



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Focusing upon the Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship family, the Fellowship Newsletter provides information about the Fellowship's various ministries, missions, prayer requests, praise reports, and Christian living.

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Trust in the Lord

By Cindy Bergon

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”

As an unsaved teenager, I chose this portion of the verse to use as a theme I needed for a religious girls' group I belonged to. Little did I know what the future held and how God would use this verse in my life. Proverbs 3:5-6, says *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.”* It has been many years now since God made me His child, and this truly has become my life verse as God has proven Himself, again and again, to be the ONE I can trust. I stand in awe of His faithfulness and His mercies which are new every morning. As I am learning to trust Him, I am also learning that His promises are faithful and true, and His Word will guide us.

Over the years, there have been many blessings and many trials that have taught me to know Him more deeply and to trust Him and to apply His Word. As I share some of the trials and lessons, may we be reminded of our Awesome God's faithfulness. He's the One who took a struggling marriage, on the verge of collapse, and made it something beautiful. He has enabled me to love my husband and to cherish the time we have together. By His grace, He has empowered us to grow in our love for Him and our love for one another, teaching us His plan for marriage from His Word.

Through all the financial trials, we have learned from Matthew 6:33 to *“Seek First the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,”* and God will provide all our needs. He has always been faithful to meet our needs. Through the disagreements we've had and through the hurts and disappointments from friends and family, we have learned and continue to learn the importance of dying to self and putting each other and others before ourselves as Philippians 2:3-4 tell



us to do. We're learning to forgive as we have been forgiven as Jesus told us do in Mark 11:25-26.

As we raised our three children in this godless, pagan, self-seeking world, we learned to trust God for wisdom and strength, and we were also reminded of the importance of obeying Proverbs 22:6, to *“train up our children in the Lord.”* We learned that true love for them meant taking the time to instruct them in the things of God and to discipline them biblically, in love. Through the struggles of my own sickness, which was almost unto death, I learned to trust. As I watched my father being taken by Alzheimers Disease and having my husband diagnosed with cancer, I learned to trust Him. I found rest and peace knowing that He is Sovereign, that nothing takes Him by surprise, and that nothing comes into our lives, unless He allows it.

None of us knows what our future here on earth holds, but we can know that by God's grace, as we humbly seek Him and surrender all to Him, He will enable us to continue to trust Him, to not lean on our own understanding, and to acknowledge Him in each and every situation. As we trust Him, we can know peace and rest in Him, knowing that He is directing our paths.



Who's In Charge Here, Anyway?

Submission- humble obedience to another's will.

By Kevin Babb



Bobby, a very bright and energetic 9 year old, has decided that the end chair that Mom placed him in at the restaurant is not where he wants to be. Bobby wants the chair that his younger sister, Pamela, has, closer to Grandma. "Move! You sat next to Grandma at breakfast," he tells Pamela. When little sis decides she is not going to give up her seat, Bobby directs his demands at his mother, at a higher volume, "Mom, Pamela sat next to Grandma at breakfast, and it's my turn. Tell her to move!" adding that it isn't fair.

By now, all the other patrons in the general vicinity are looking very disturbed, and it's clear that they want Mom to quiet down her "little general." Mom now has some decisions to make:

- Does she tell Pamela to move, quieting Bobby and restoring peace for the on-lookers?
- Does she yell back at Bobby to sit still and stay where he is, thus, risking an eruption that would draw further attention to their table?
- Or does she take this

opportunity to teach her children about dying to themselves and submitting to parental authority?

What we are witnessing is a young man who is trying to exert his authority over his mom, and a little girl who is feeding her selfish sin nature.

Too many times, we take the easy way out, trying to keep momentary peace. But as a Christian, one who follows the ways of Christ, this is not an option. God directs us in His word how to be good parents. Proverbs, alone, is full of God's directions for parents and children. Proverb 6: 20-23, for example:

My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

Somehow, we convince ourselves that

we know better than God does in raising our children. I often hear parents say that their situation is different or unique, that the ways of God won't work in their particular situation or "God didn't mean for us to use this in all situations." God knows our children better than we do. God knows every situation we face. He knew them all before the foundations of the earth were established Psalm 139:16 tells us, "*Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*"

God wants us to love our children as He loves us. Teaching and correction are not to be despised but used as confirmations of love. We see this in Job 5:17 "*Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.*" This is not a popular teaching. But God is not out to win a popularity contest. He desires us to raise children who have a willing heart, a heart that will submit. In our example above, Mom needs to take this opportunity to share with her son and daughter to think of others above themselves. Jesus is quoted to have said, "*...that it is more blessed to give than to receive*" in Acts 20:35. Also in I John 3:16, "*By this we know love, because He laid down His life*



for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Submitting our lives to others, and to God, brings peace and order to our lives and the lives of our children.

Oh, some would say, "My children can't understand that." or "They will grow out of this stage." This is not what God's word tells us in Proverbs 22:15: *"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him."* Being an example to our children will show them how a life of submission looks. Giving of our resources will show them where our priorities are. Being willing to lay our lives down for the sake of others speaks volumes about where our heart is. Do we really believe that God desires us to die to ourselves completely? Raising children is much more than "Keeping them in line" or teaching them obedience. They must learn to have a pliable heart of submission, motivated by the love of God. We must live out that love through our lives, so that our children see that when we humble ourselves, God pours out His grace (James 4:6). Our children must see that the love that was lived out on the cross 2100 years ago is the same love that directs and motivates our lives today. We model this by living crucified lives, lives in complete submission to God.

Submission is an outgrowth or fruit of faith. When Jesus gave up His authority to the Father's authority, He showed complete faith in His Father. He had a faith unto death, "...not My will but Yours, be done." Luke 22:42 tells us that God has established a structure

of authority. We see this throughout Scripture, in the church, in the state, and in the family, from Gen. 2:16 to 1 Peter 2:13-3:12 to Revelation 22:3, order of authority. In the home, God ordained the parents to be the authority in the lives of the children. In the home, the father is the final authority, Ephesians 5:22-6:4. Many problems are created when that authority is undermined or usurped in any way. Often, the wife will come between the father's authority and the child, believing she is protecting the child. But this will cause the child to lose respect for both the mother and the father as well as to see the father as unfair, arbitrary and mean. This causes the marriage foundation to fracture, resulting in distrust in the relationship and a home filled with conflict and anger. Most of these situations will find their roots in unbelief and lack of faith that God is truly in control. We look to David as an example of submitting to God's appointed authority over him, in 1 Samuel 24:6, *"And he said to his men, 'The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.'"* King Saul was out to kill David. But David, having opportunity to kill the King, respected Saul's position that God had placed him in. We must follow David's example and submit to the authority that God has placed over us, regardless of what we think of the decisions that are made. The only exception would be if those decisions forced us to go against God's word.

If we pride ourselves on how we control our own lives, our children grow the same sinful root. They want their own way, in their own time, and many times at the expense of the structured authority God has set up in the home. If we teach them to submit to our authority in love, with kindness and gentleness, not anger or brute strength, then they will learn to submit to God.

The mother in our example should take the time to teach Bobby and Pamela some valuable lessons in submitting to her authority. But she must use God's word to shepherd the hearts of the children so they will understand what God desires of His children. Submission in love means pleasing out of love not out of fear.

The apostle John knew what loving Christian parents desire when he wrote, III John 4, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."* We know that this is God's desire as well.

And just maybe, Bobby's and Pamela's Grandma and the patrons watching will learn something too.

In the service of the King,

Pastor Kevin



John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne; Revelation 1:4

Summer Youth Outreach

Remembered







Women's Ministry

Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

Ladies,

The Women's Ministry began the season with the book of Ephesians — from September to November. In February, we will begin a study in the book of James.

In Revelation, John addresses seven churches. These seven churches are representative of churches today. The messages to the seven churches were given for personal application. Jesus Christ expects us — all churches and all believers — to apply the messages to our own situation. Jesus Christ expects us to search our hearts and to heed the messages given to these churches. The first message is to Ephesus, an orthodox church, a church that was faithful to Christ and to the Word of God, but it was a church without love. In Revelation 2:1-4 we see that the church at Ephesus was commended for their works, labor, patience, and that they could not bear those who were evil. They tested those who said they were apostles and were not and found them to be liars. They also persevered and had patience, and they had labored for Jesus' name's sake and did not become weary.

In other words, they worked and toiled to the point of exhaustion. They patiently endured. They did not bear or put up with evil. They tested and rejected false teachers.

This is a meaningful picture of a true church, a church that has surrendered itself to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the picture of a church that is loyal and devoted to Christ. It is the picture of just what a church should be. But there is one thing lacking, one devastating and destructive thing that looms over the life of the church. In verses 4-5 John goes on to say

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place — unless you repent.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul commends the church

at Ephesus for their love. Some 30 years later when John penned the book of Revelation, he noted that they had lost their first love. This is not a contradiction; it only shows what can happen to us when we get our eyes off Jesus and onto “things or tasks.”

How often we, like the Ephesians, do all the right things and are obedient to the Word ...but it is not flowing from a heart that is in love with God. We forget from where we have fallen! They had lost their feelings of warmth and tenderness for Christ. They had lost their sensitivity to Christ, their fervor, and spark. They were not fellowshipping and communing nor praying and sharing with Christ — not like they did when they were first converted. They were not walking in a consciousness and awareness of Christ's presence, with joy and rejoicing in Him throughout the day.

Simply stated, they were not having personal fellowship with Christ, walking and sharing with Him like they once did. They were not as attached to Christ as they had been. They were more attached to other things and other involvements of life. They loved their church, and they had the right beliefs. They were even ready to fight for the truth of Christ. But they did not love Christ, not in a personal and intimate way, not to the degree that they once walked and shared with Him, fellowshipped and communed with Him all throughout the day, not in the sense that they took blocks of time and got alone with Him and prayed and shared with Him. This is a warning to all of us as we step out to serve Christ. Keep Jesus first! Let whatever we do always be from a heart overflowing with love for Him!

Ephesians speaks of the riches we have been given in Christ. There is no reason for us to walk around in spiritual bankruptcy if we are in Christ Jesus. He has given us all that we need that pertains to life and godliness. Stay close to His

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I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
Psalm 143:1-5

Women's Ministry

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heart and His Word. He is so good! He is so faithful!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Watch for details in the bulletin regarding upcoming opportunities for the women. Friday, December 14 the **Women's Christmas Dinner** will be held at the Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center. Tickets will go on sale in November, so mark your calendars, invite a friend and watch the bulletin! If you haven't signed up for the Bible study and you would like to attend, just call the church office at 699.9207. God bless you as you continue to seek Him daily!

Love,
Sally



Women's Ministry Calendar

Women's Bible Study in Ephesians

Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Book of Ephesians. Ending November 15 & 16. \$1 per lesson. Sorry, no childcare.

Women's Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 14 at 6:00 PM. Molly Mortensen Guest Speaker. Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center.

Women's Bible Study in James

We will study the book of James in February.

Women's Retreat at Twin Peaks

Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24. With Janie Alfred and Brenda Harp.

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Praise Reports

Prayer Requests

Pray for our country, that it might repent and turn to the Lord, and that He might heal our land.

Pray for our President and the country's leaders.

Pray for Israel and its people.

Pray for Jeff Burnell and his son as they minister in Jerusalem and throughout Europe.

Remember to keep our missionaries in your prayers:

Will Charles
Antony & Hyacinth Dsilva
Dave & Erin Hallahan
Neil & Robin Krause
Nathan & Aide' Mattfeld
Dave & Lisa Marshall
Dave & Molly Mortensen
Kent & Debbie Mount
Joseph & Blanche Scalice
Todd & Juliette Schmidt

Brad & Debbie Warren
Ralph & Reena Wilms
Pray for the Youth of our Fellowship.
Pray for the Fellowship Ministry Leaders and that the Lord will continually fill our pastors "with, on, and in" His Precious Holy Spirit.
Fax your prayer and praise reports to Karen Roberts at 302.1629 or email them to FireRosCom@aol.com.



Israel 2001

Pilgrimage (continued)

by Keith Roberts

This is the second in a series that will walk you (mostly uphill) through the Israel 2001 trip.

Friday, March 2, 9:00 AM (Sundown begins Shabat)

The Sea of Galilee is 600' below sea level. Above the Gennesaret Valley on the Sea of Galilee is the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7). Banana trees and wildflowers covered the hill. Jesus gathered His disciples on the Mount, and taught them, Matthew 5-7. This teaching was for the disciples and not for the public. We could see the valley where Jesus would have walked down from Nazareth to the Sea of Galilee. North of the Mount is one of the three cities cursed by Jesus, Chorazin. We passed by the ruins of Chorazin. (Matthew 11:21, 23, *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ... And you Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descent to Hades; ..."*). None of the cities has been rebuilt.

Chorazin was built on a hill. It was by a spring and was a fishing village. The Talmud says that the best quality of wheat came from Chorazin. The Rabbis also came from Chorazin.

10:35 AM.

We visited the ruins of Peter's house in Capernaum and the synagogue next to his house. In the middle of the 1st Century after Peter died, they covered the floor of his home with tiles containing the different names of God. They used it as a worship place. The Romans were not around to bother them. Christianity was not openly practiced until the reign of Constantine, 324 A.D. The synagogue has to be built

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem! Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together, Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD. For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."

Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

Psalm 122

on the highest spot of a city, for you cannot walk down to God. It must also face East. Two synagogues were built by Christians: one in Nazareth because it was in this synagogue that Jesus announced Himself as the Messiah (Luke 4:18-19), and one in Capernaum during the 2d Century A.D. (we had a teaching in the remains of this synagogue). The second one sits over a synagogue during the time of Jesus. Nothing can be built on top of a synagogue other than another synagogue. It is not recorded that Jesus prayed in the synagogue, but He read from the Scriptures. He also healed the man with the withered hand in the synagogue (Mark 3:1). Jesus' enemies often understood Him better than His friends. When Jesus entered the synagogue, the people identified Him with the person with the greatest need, the man with the withered hand.

Capernaum is where they manufactured millstones. This is where the children sat on the lap of Jesus and He said *"... it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea."* (Matthew 18:6). A millstone is larger than an olive press. An olive press is turned and smaller on one side. Wood is used as a lever to push it. As the olives are pressed, the oil acts as a lubricant and makes it easier to turn.

We saw the Gadarenes where Jesus expelled the demons, who called themselves Legion, from the man into

the swine. We had a teaching here at the 5th Century A.D. ruins of a church. The swine might have been driven into the Sea of Galilee. Pigs can generally swim, but the short-legged pigs can't swim. Here is the only steep place. The people were more interested in their economy (the herd of pigs) than the welfare of this man. Besides, these were Israelites raising pigs! The Israelites who lived on this side of the Sea of Galilee were from the tribes of Gad, Reuben, and 1/2 of the tribe of Manasseh.

We ate St. Peter's fish (looked like a perch) for lunch and then climbed into four boats. We sailed from the east side of the sea to Tiberius on the west side. Halfway across, the boats stopped, so we could have a Bible teaching about Jesus walking on the water, Matthew 14:22. Prior to returning to the hotel, the bus took us to a baptismal facility for those who wanted to be baptized in the River Jordan.

Saturday, March 3 (Shabat)

Mt. Bental

We stopped at Mt. Bental in the Golan Heights. The Golan is fewer than 10 miles wide. Off to the east, about a mile, is the border of Syria, and the UN forces have their base on the Israeli side. To the northeast, we could see (if you looked really hard) houses in Damascus. You can hit Damascus with artillery; you don't need missiles. Syria controls Lebanon. Mt. Herman is in



On the Galilee Sea

the background (toward Lebanon) and is snow-capped year around — it's the only ski resort in Israel. During the six-day war in October 1973, the Syrian tanks came across the Golan (1500 tanks). They stopped and returned to their starting point because there were no Israelis, and they thought that the Israelis must be planning to attack elsewhere. The ironic point is that Israel was not ready; they were all celebrating the Festival of Tabernacles. Israel refers to this as their Miracle War.

Nimrod's Castle

We visited Nimrod's Castle, built at the beginning of the 13th Century. Nimrod is mentioned in Genesis 10:8-10. From the vantage point, the entire valley can be controlled. The road to Damascus is controlled from here. Crusaders came through here in 1099 to liberate the people from the Muslims. Shaking hands started here. Also, toasting started here. People would fill up their glasses to the rim and clink each others' glasses, so that some of the liquid would go into the other person's glass, ensuring that no poison was contained in the glasses.

Caesarea Philippi (Banias), 12:10 PM

There were huge rocks in the area. The Grotto of the god Pan was at the spring of Banias. This is one of the sources of the River Jordan. Some thought that this was the gate to hell, as gases would shoot up from the cave. Sacrifices took place here. If the bodies disappeared, the god accepted the

sacrifice. If blood came out, the sacrifice was rejected. Jesus may have stood on a nearby hill to give His teaching and ask "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13) He would not have gone down to this pagan area.

Tel Dan, 3:15 PM

We hiked to one of the high places of Dan. Dan is about one mile from Lebanon. Dan never belonged to this area. The Dan River is one of the three headwaters for the Jordan River. The term "Jarad Dan," which means to descend from Dan, has become "Jordan." The tribe of Dan moved from the coastal area to this area. The Assyrians attacked in 720 B.C. and destroyed this city. The Danites were pushed back by the Philistines and abandoned their original inheritance and found the springs here. They took the city Laish and burned the city and called the city Dan. They set up idols there, Baal (intellect), Mammon (power), Molech (pleasure). We learned here that "agnostic" means *ignoramus* in Latin.

As we walked back to the buses, we saw Abraham's Gate, 5,000 years old — that is not a misprint — it is 5,000 years old!

Sunday, March 4 (on the way to Jerusalem)

Bet Shean Amphitheater, 9:15 AM.

It is 2,000 years old and seated 7-8,000. The city was built to protect the entrance to the via Mares (highway). Rome built the amphitheater for entertaining the troops. It could also be used as a Hippodrome. Sand was placed there to absorb the blood of the gladiators. It was necessary to entertain the troops outside of Rome, as the Roman army was never located in Rome.

The headless body of Saul was hung here by the Philistines, 2 Samuel 21:12. Samuel anointed Saul as King of Israel. 1 Samuel 9 is the first view of Saul, and 1

Samuel 26 is Saul's autobiography "I have played the fool and erred exceedingly." Saul's failure was to submit himself fully to God. The City was built for the "WOW" effect, great on the outside, but nothing on the inside.

The amphitheater wall was about 65' high. Five hundred million birds migrate here yearly through Israel (see Revelation 19:17). The Roman main street was called the *Cardo* (heart). This is the largest archaeological site in Israel. The streets are made of limestone and had cut out stripes in them to prevent slipping. Many temples were dedicated to Dionysus. The city became Christian, but it was destroyed by an earthquake. On the other side of the Acropolis above the city, you could take a left and travel toward Megiddo.

Mt. Gilboa, 11:25 AM

The Philistines pushed Saul back. God didn't answer Saul, so Saul asked the witch of Endor, from a nearby town, to call Samuel from the dead. It was close to the foot of Mt. Gilboa, 1 Samuel 28:9. Saul was killed here, 2 Samuel 21:12.

We visited the spring where the 300 men who followed Gideon to fight the Lord's battle were chosen by God, Judges 5.

Jerusalem, Mt. Of Olives (early afternoon)

We made a short stop here on the way to our hotels — one of the few times we got to our hotel prior to 5 or 6 PM. We stood on the top and soaked in the awesomeness of standing in God's favorite city!

More on Jerusalem in the next issue of the newsletter — stay tuned.

May your pilgrimages through your Christian walk bring you closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Keith



Good News!



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom He did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-39

To learn more about God's Love for you, call The Fellowship at 699.9207.
May the Lord richly bless you with His grace and mercy.



Notes from Todd & Juliette

Thank you for the note and for the invitation to share with our body in Temecula. Thank you for the support.

The Scripture on my heart this week is Isaiah 55:6

"Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is Near."

The LORD is Near NOW. He is near to those who have a broken heart and Saves such as have a contrite spirit. My spirit feels Broken and yet alive with the presence and love of Jesus for the Firefighters and victims and families and workers and president and so many who are immediately affected by this tragedy in New York. My Dad and sister live there, about 45 minutes from the city. Having grown up there, I feel such urgency to pray and watch for any opportunity to be of some use to what Jesus is doing in the hearts of my family in New York. Including my godmother who has cancer -Catherine Dunphy. God is moving and at work--My sister now has the address of a church that teaches the word faithfully, and she knows that someone there will look for her should she decide to visit that fellowship. So here we are, Samuel in Kindergarten and Joseph and Sarah at home with me, while Todd is out 'bread-winning' through the avenue of plumbing & electrical work. We are praying for the daughter of Ken and Lynn Sutton (the Pastor and his wife) who have received discouraging news this past week about little Olivia's cancer. They will operate next week and try to remove what they can at which point, she

will have to take a more severe chemotherapy with harsher side effects. God Knows them each by name and has a plan that we do not always understand — but He IS Good and Loving and Kind.

So, For our Nation right Now at such a time as this — we are to Seek the Lord while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near-- In sorrow and prayers and songs and 'daily life.'

Juliette

Todd's Side

We were so blessed to see and hang out with Dave and Brad such a short time ago. Thank you to all in sending them to encourage us. We sang songs at night, Dave got our computer up and running, Brad taught me some new songs and encouraged me greatly in the area of worship. Both Dave and Brad commented on the green pastures that we are surrounded by here. I am thankful for the beauty that we are surrounded with, but the "greener pastures" are those of His Word and how privileged we are to feed there. May our delight be in His word that we might be fruitful trees vibrant with life, may we abide in His word that we would truly be His disciples and know the truth and thereby be set free. It is a spiritual truth that as we sow His word in our hearts we will reap a harvest, and what a good harvest that will be! Thank you again for all your kindness and love.

Todd



Fellowship NOTES

Used Cars

If you have a car that you would like to get rid of, running or not, please contact Len Reese at 699-8835. For more information see the flyer in the back of the Church.

Usher Opportunity

There is an opportunity to serve as an usher for all four services. Please contact the church for more information



Reformed Theology

by Thomas J. Cherry

Sovereignty of God, there are two distinctions, i.e., those who are elected to salvation and those who are elected to perdition. (This is not in the Bible.)

A good personal exercise would be to find Scripture for each of these five points!

During the years, these five points have been modified, softened, and reinterpreted, but these are the foundational truths of Calvinism.

With the independence of the Netherlands in 1609, Calvinism was proclaimed the official state religion. Not all the Dutch ministers were sympathetic with the predestination views of Calvin. They felt that it denied man his freedom of the will. This brought Jacob Arminius (1560-1609) into the controversy. His views may be stated as follows:

1. Man is not totally depraved, and therefore, could cooperate with God using his human will or power of choice in spiritual regeneration.
2. Election was conditional upon and inseparable from Divine foreknowledge of those who would believe and persist to the end. Calvin taught unconditional election based on the sovereign will of God.
3. Christ died for all men, not only the elect, but not all men accept the atonement, only believers receive the actual benefit.
4. God's grace is indispensable, but not irresistible.
5. Arminius emphasized the possibility of a lapse from grace. Calvin's doctrine was "once in

grace, always in grace." The super emphasis of Arminius was on the power of human will and choice. It seems that he would quote only half the verse, "*Work out your own salvation*" and disregard the rest of the verse — "*for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*"
Philippians 3:12-13

Some Conclusions on the Calvinism-Arminianism Controversy.

1. Both systems have much truth in them and have Scripture to back their beliefs.
2. Either system taken to its logical conclusion is absurd.
3. One church historian has suggested that both Arminianism and Calvinism over the centuries has grown more extreme than was set forth by its founders!

Evangelist D. L. Moody used a most telling illustration when he said that the sinner looking up into heaven sees a large door that reads on the outside "Whoever will may come." After he enters in he reads on the inside of the door: "Elect from before the foundation of the earth."

My council would be to take the best from both systems without trying to formulate a system of your own. I like Chuck Smith's word of "Calvinianism" which seems to embody what I have attempted to present.

Pastor Thomas J. Cherry



In this article, we shall look at John Calvin's (1509-1564) theology which was to become the theological framework for most of the Reformation Movement. As a teacher of mine used to say, "Put on your thinking caps as you read!"

The underlying theme of Calvin's theology was the Sovereignty of God — that He is supreme in all things. His five points are remembered and summed up with the word "TULIP":

1. Total depravity of man after the fall.
2. Unconditional election by God of a people for Himself for all eternity.
3. Limited atonement of Christ. That is that He died for His elect people, not the whole world.
4. Irresistible grace — the Holy Spirit effectively calls the elect for whom Christ died. The elect cannot reject that grace.
5. Perseverance of the saints — a true Christian will never lose his salvation, i.e., he cannot fall from grace.

In this super emphasis on the

Attend to the Moment

by Karen Roberts

*We had the experience but missed the meaning, ...
For most of us, there is only the unattended
Moment, the moment in and out of time
T. S. Eliot, Four Quartets*



In today's helter, skelter pace, with laptops, pagers, cell phones, and Palm Pilots® neatly transporting our offices wherever we go, we are "free" to conduct business while speeding off to an appointment in another county, state, or country — it's the efficient use of time. But what if someone needs you while you are in a meeting with your client? Not to worry, you'll set your pager to vibrate — it's the proper etiquette — and if someone needs you urgently, you can be reached. You're ten minutes into the meeting, when your pager vibrates. You apologetically excuse yourself from the meeting to make a "quick" phone call, shifting your focus to the needs of the one on the other end of the phone line. Your mind has become proficient in switching from one subject or project to another with the sound of your beeper. And at the end of the day, you may have worked on 10 different projects. It was a whirlwind of a day, but you achieved much, and you have a well-deserved sense of accomplishment. You crawl home, hoping that the kids don't need help with homework and your spouse has everything under control.

I have become efficient in juggling many projects. Yet, some days, I have so many projects that I become paralyzed, not knowing where to begin. I've been caught in the "busyness" of doing and have neglected what is most important to me, as a Christian, a wife, and a woman.

September 11 began as an ordinary day. I got up thinking about all that I had to do; then, I was quickly jolted into the reality of what is most important to me: my Lord and my family. As I was fixed to the television, I was horrified at the devastation and the loss of loved ones — all in a moment. There were families who loved each person who was missing, and there were a few who received phone calls from their loved ones saying that they loved them — that's all that mattered in their last few moments of life. There were also stories of Christians who shared their faith in the final moments ... the callers and the Christians had attended to the moment at hand and focused on their priorities

In these last days, I'm reprioritizing my focus ... again. It seems I'm always doing that. It's so discouraging, but then Paul even did what he didn't want to do. Intellectually, I know what my focus should be, but like Peter walking on the water towards Jesus, I look at the storm and start sinking — until I cry out for Jesus, "... Lord, save me." (Matthew 14:30).

Only the work of Jesus can keep me from sinking. I can't even keep my focus upon Him! So what does the Scripture say

about keeping focused? The word "remember" appears 146 times in the Bible. There are quite a few "remembers" that are commands from God. There is no formula for

remembering, but the goal is to focus upon my number one priority: God. He promises, *"And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart,"* Jeremiah 29:13.

There is such a need in the world, and sometimes I feel selfish if I take time to be with the Lord. Yet, Jesus retreated to be alone with God. If Jesus needed to be alone with God, who am I to think I can minister without spending my every waking moment meditating upon my Lord?

This is all very fine, but how can I begin? Jesus gives the church of Ephesus a clear path to follow:

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. Revelation 2:4-5

I remember my first love; it was an extended mountaintop experience. If Jesus told the Church of Ephesus to return to their first love, it has to be possible. Psalm 143:5 tells me, *"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands."* Jesus tells the Church of Sardis to *"Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. ..."* Revelation 3:3. Remembering what we were before we were Christians, what Jesus has done for us, and repenting helps us to keep our focus.

Our lives are measured by time, and if we're not careful, the time slips away. *"My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass,"* Psalm 102:11. Thornton Wilder in the play *Our Town* reminds us that "We didn't even take time to look at each other!" Please take a moment and tell your family and friends that you love them, then focus upon Jesus.

Once in a while, it is helpful for us to step back and ask ourselves, "So What? So, I accomplished this project. In the grand scheme of things, what difference did it make?" Once we've answered that, we may find that we're energized to redeem the time with a focus that is prioritized and rich in meaning, both for ourselves, our families, and those individuals we encounter. *May your days be filled with a renewed focus upon our precious Lord, Karen*



Fellowship Calendar

Weekly Fellowship

Sunday Services

7:45 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:15 AM; 6:30 PM

Men's Bible Study

Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the Youth Building. The study is in the book of 1 Thessalonians. A time of studying God's Word as well as fellowship.

Home Fellowships

In both Temecula and Murrieta. Check the wall in the area near the kitchen for locations and times, or call Pastor Kevin at 699.9207. New fellowships have been added.

Women's Prayer

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM. Call Wendy for more information at 677.8281.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Pastor Clark is teaching through the book of 2 Samuel.

Children's Ministry is available for toddlers through 6th grade. Communion is served and an afterglow the first Wednesday of the month.

Youth Bible Study

Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM.

All-Church Meeting & Prayer

Thursday nights at 7:00 PM in the Youth Building.

College/Career Bible Study

Friday evenings, 7:00 -9:00 PM. Home of John and Debbie Diehl. In the book of 1 Samuel. See Ron Wesson or call 303.6166 for more information. Maps available on back wall by kitchen.

Youth Home Fellowship

Fridays at 7:00 PM at the Youth Ranch. Currently in the book of Daniel. All youth are welcome. Call the Church at 699.9207 for further information.

Spanish Speaking Bible Study

Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Manny for more information at 699.9207.

Women's Bible Study in Ephesians

Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Ending November 15 & 16. \$1 per lesson. Childcare on Friday.

Men's Friday Evening Bible Study

Friday evenings, 7:00 PM. A time of study and fellowship specifically designed for men who are currently experiencing trials. A time to be anointed with oil. Sorry, no child care.

Home Fellowship in Temecula

All are welcome to attend a Home Fellowship in Temecula. David Hinchey is teaching from the book of Hebrews. The Home Fellowship meets each Friday at 7:00 PM. Please note the Home Fellowship board located next to the kitchen.

Home Fellowships

Friday evenings, 7:00 PM. A time of study and fellowship. Call the church at 699.9207. Sorry, no child care.

"Developing a Godly Marriage"

Last Saturday of every month. A couple's class on "Developing a Godly Marriage." There will be a different topic each month, a teaching time, a Q/A time, and a time for fellowship with coffee and cookies.

U-Turn for Christ

The Women's Ministry goes to U-Turn the first Monday of each month. Contact Gail for more information, 760.807.8030.

Special Opportunities

Youth Campout at the River

September 28-30. The youth (7th-12th grades) will travel to Parker, Arizona for a wonderful time of worship, study of God's Word, and fellowship. The cost is \$45 per person. All families are welcome. Please see Pastor Ken or John Harbert for more information. Permission Slips Required!

Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome to a Men's Breakfast in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 AM. Pastor Dave Rolf will sharing the message. This is a great time of Worship, the Word, and fellowship so sign up on the table outside, and be praying about the lost friend or neighbor you might invite. The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

Michael W. Smith

September 28. With the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Chris Rice, and Ginny Owens, Hollywood Bowl. Tickets at TicketMaster, Hollywood Bowl box office.

Men's Retreat

The CCBF Men's Retreat will be held at Green Valley with Pastor Gayle Irwin teaching this year.

The dates are October 26-28 2001. Mark your calendars and come out for a wonderful time of Worship, learning His Word, and fellowship. More information will be available soon!

Women's Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 14 at 6:00 PM. Molly Mortensen Guest Speaker. Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center.

Women's Bible Study in James

Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 PM. and Friday, February 8 at 9:15 AM. Ending, May 30 & 31. \$1 per lesson. Childcare on Friday.

Women's Retreat

March 22-24, 2002. Calvary Chapel Conference Center Twin Peaks. Janie Alfred will be the speaker, and Brenda Harp will minister in music. \$125. Registration will probably begin in November, but if you would like to begin making payments now, contact Sally at 699.9207.

Israel 2002

Pastor Clark and Sally will be hosting a trip to Israel March 4 - 15 2002. Down payments are being accepted for the Israel trip. Secure your space, first-come, first serve. The first deposit is \$300, total cost \$2,504 with a payment plan available. Please contact Pastor Nick for further information at 699-9207. Seating is limited to 90 people. Sign up today.

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