



GETTING CONNECTED

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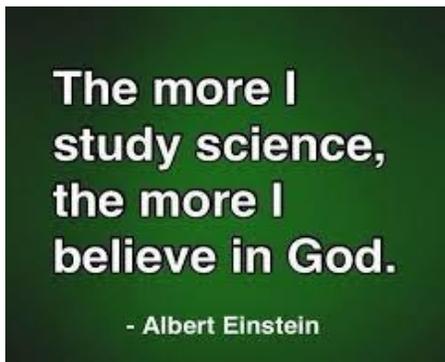
Seeing God...

A kindergarten teacher was observing her class while they were drawing, walking around to see what each child was drawing. As she got to one little girl who was hunched over her table working diligently, she asked what she was working on.

The little girl replied, "I'm drawing God!"

The teacher paused, and then gently responded, "But dear, no one has ever seen God – no one knows what He looks like."

Without missing a beat, the little girl looked up from her drawing with big, positive eyes and exclaimed, "They will in a minute!"



Cell Phone vs. Bible...

Do you wonder what would happen if we handled our Bible the way we handle our cell phones?

- What if we kept it in our purse or pocket everywhere we went?
- What if we flipped through it several times every day?
- What if we panicked when we couldn't find it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we gave it to kids as a gift?
- What if we used it in the case of an emergency?



Come Join Us!

Wed, Jan 8th 7pm

REACHING OUT – Making Christ known

Let us discuss together and discover Biblical truth in sharing our faith with our community.

Only 3 sessions left!

Shopping... "You go ahead and shop", the man in the mall said to his wife. I can't get into shopping as you do. I'll just wait here by the hardware store. An hour later she returned with a few purchases to find her husband at the checkout counter. The clerk was ringing up a pile of tools and supplies which had filled two carts. Embarrassed by her expression, he said, "I know what you're thinking," then waved his hand back over the store, "but think of what I've left behind."

Where Christ is cherished, family is loved and everyone is family!

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New Year's Consideration

Instead of making a New Year's resolution, Consider committing to a biblical solution.

Your promises are easily broken; Empty words, though earnestly spoken.

But God's Word transforms the soul

By His Holy Spirit making you whole -

As you spend time alone with Him;

He will change you from within.

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What was that?

A little girl was trying to learn the Lord's Prayer. As she practiced one night, her mother heard her say the prayer with pride, enunciating each word carefully, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some Email. Amen."

Join us each Sunday for Worship...

10:45am worship and praise

Thot: What if we really practiced what we preached? What would that say to our kids, our neighbours, and our community?

The Lighter Side...

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments and helping her five and six year olds in class apply them to their young lives. After explaining the commandment to “honour” your mother and father, she asked, “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?”

Without pausing a moment, one little boy, who was the oldest in his family of six, loudly with all great release answered with assurance...

“Thou shalt not kill!”



Something To Think About..

I want you to take a blank sheet of paper and hang it someplace prominent in your home. Ask yourself what have you committed to this year? We should welcome the opportunity to have a clean slate. Last year is behind us, and a new challenge awaits us. Whatever you experienced last year – heart ache, disappointment, frustration & hardships *or* delight, love, joy and amazing wonder – or somewhere in between, it is past and you have the chance to start afresh. The Hebrews writer encourages us, **“Therefore brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”** [Hebrews 10:19-23]

Indeed, we have been given this New Year – nothing has yet been written upon it. What control over our lives has been given to us has come through our Lord Jesus Christ. He encourages us and reveals to us that He is always with us through all things at all times.

It has been suggested of the above passage that on the basis of Christ’s sacrifice, “we must make the utmost use of the blessing that has been won”.

First we’re instructed to draw near to God with a sincere heart. Sincere means literally “without cement” referring to Roman statues that glittered at a distance but were patched with cement when examined up close. It means that I can’t be anything other than who I

am when I approach God. Wearing a mask or hanging on to our past endeavors doesn’t work if we truly want to be close to God. Rather let us allow God to conduct “*open heart surgery*” to cleanse us for this new year purifying us for His use.

Also, let us approach this new year with the hope that is ours because of faith in Jesus. We’re reminded in scripture that Jesus is faithful to His Word, so we must accept His promise and live in the hope it provides. We often think in concrete terms and are unsettled with waiting for God’s promise which comes in His time under His plan, yet it is essential we do so to find the blessings He gives.

So often we seem to waiver and doubt when things are beyond the “do-able” – I know I do. Only as we are cleansed by God, holding to our trust that “***we can do all things through Him who gives us strength***” [Philippians 4:13] are we “en-abled” to accomplish all things for Him. It starts by recognizing whose we are and what He has done for us – his blood was shed for us to cleanse us from sin, His life was forfeited that we might have entrance to God – forever. Jesus is our High Priest who has set aside the need for animal sacrifice again & again and given us pure hearts to approach our Heavenly Father.



What will this mean for you this year? If we indeed accept that Jesus is our Lord, if we hold unswervingly to the hope we profess through Him, then how will we choose to fill in that blank sheet on our wall? What will you choose to make of this year? Not one of us can purpose to have a year without heart-ache, sorrow or disappointments, but we can choose to accept

through faith that He is able to carry us through those moments. But let’s pray that the joy will out-way any troubles and may each of us discover new friendships, deepen resolve to build present relationships and find opportunity for ministry as God draws others across our paths and in all this may we have the supreme joy of knowing Jesus our Lord.

Happy New Year!

Mark your Calendar...

Sunday Jan 5th – Communion

Tuesday Jan 7th & 21st, Kid’s Club returns (6:30-8pm)

Wed Jan 8th, 15th, & 22nd Bible Study.

Weekly Messages...

“Godliness has value for all things holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” [1 Timothy 4:8]

Come experience...

Value through Victorious Vision