

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Christ's Closet

The Clothing room has been closed until further notice.

Food Pantry

The pantry is located in the room left of the library. There are sacks in the pantry room if you or someone you know is in need of any of these items. Feel free to take what you need. If you have a donation for the pantry please put it on the table in the pantry room.

Mountain States Children's Home

Remember to stock up on non-perishable supplies to bring for the children's home collection which takes place in August and March each year. Keep this work in your prayers.

Peru Ministry

Support Oscar and Anna Maria in their outreach in Peru.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

Kennewick Church of Christ

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Meeting times:

Sunday:
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Attendance 11/19: 67

Budget \$2000.00

Contribution 11/19: \$2223.00

November 26, 2017

**Welcome to the
Kennewick Church of Christ**

It Only Takes a Slight Alteration to Change Truth Into a Lie

The Devil only wants a slight change or variation from the truth. He knows that once men start down the self-will road, it is only a matter of time before they are his.

In Genesis 2:17, God told Adam and Even that they day they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that "thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 3:4). Satan quotes God's word with perfect accuracy except he adds one three letter word – "not" – "thou shalt not surely die." That slight change made all the difference in their remaining in paradise.

Sometimes Satan removes the word

"not" from God's word to capture careless souls. James 2:24 says, "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and 'not' by faith only." Yet many have been tricked and deceived by Satan's servants in accepting the notion that one is saved by "faith only." The Devil has gotten a lot on mileage out of the word "not" (Gen. 4:1-5). In the account of the worship of Cain and Abel, Abel offered his sacrifice by "faith" and it was accepted by God. Cain offered his sacrifice by "human sight" and it was rejected by God. What Cain did was set aside God's instructions for worship and substituted his own will (worship). Here we have the principle of why all humanly concocted religion is rejected by God. It is "self-willed" and not "God directed." It is not by faith, and therefore sin (Rom. 14:23). God did not respect Cain's offering because he had "not" done as God instructed. When God questioned Cain about his brother Abel, his answer was, "Am I my brother's keeper?" His implication was that he was not his brother's keeper, but of course he was and we are as well.

Noah preached that the world was going to be destroyed by a universal flood. But Satan convinced everyone, except the eight that were saved in the ark, that it was "not" going to happen.

When one looks back at the Ten Commandments given to the children of Israel (the principles of which are included in the teaching of Jesus), every one has been corrupted by the Devil's "Not." Beginning with the first of the ten, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The word "not" is implied, yet it has been ignored throughout the ages. Men do have their other gods. Thou shalt "not" make graven images. But men have done so. Thou shalt "not" steal. Thou shalt "not" bear false witness. Thou shalt "not" take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Thou shalt "not" commit murder. Thou shalt "not" commit adultery. God plainly says, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deut. 4:2). Yet all informed people know that "not" has been ignored, or for all practical purposes, removed while me wallow in their sinful conduct.

Don't take my word for it, or any man's, but do take God's word for it and love it and abide by it.

~Lloyd Gale

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32)

Keep these Dates in Mind:

- 11/26 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 12/03 First Sunday Potluck
- 12/09 Men's breakfast and Fellowship
- 12/10 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 12/24 Scheduled Open Cong Meeting 5:00p (subject to reschedule due to Christmas)
- 01/07 First Sunday Potluck
- 01/13 Men's breakfast and Fellowship
- 01/14 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p
- 01/28 Open Congregational Meeting 5:00p

Birthdays and Anniversaries for December

- Holly Preston 11/29
- Connie Stecker 11/30
- Buzz Heston 12/1
- Mark Minor 12/4
- John & Christina Hopkins 12/12
- Laiken McCrickard 12/15
- Bob & Marlene Blankenship 12/20
- Bill & Linda Lafferty 12/24
- Queca Woods 12/26

For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world – to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice. (John 18:37b)

Bible Studies: Youth Classes - Classroom Wing
 Adult Class - Fellowship Hall
 Ladies Class – Fellowship Hall
 (S) –Epistles of Peter Thursday 10:00a - 11:30a
 (W) – Romans



Health Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Bob Childers, Darlena Moon, Amanda McCrickard, Kaleb McCrickard, Savannah and Christian Johnson (friends of the McCrickards, daughter suffering from mitochondrial disease), Christy Hickman, Joshua Hickman, Vern Mast, Sue Aldrich
Bill Johnson as he recovers from surgery to remove multiple blood clots. He is recovering in ICU and appears to be doing well. Visits are limited.
Henry Walker was taken to Trios Saturday morning for an emergency appendectomy. It went well. He needs to rest so family is asking for no visitors right now.

Our Spring Lectureship is planned for April 11-15. Put it on your schedule and plan to invite a friend.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths, Lead me in your truth and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. (Psalm 25:4, 5)



I have this sneaking suspicion that speaking the truth is often politically incorrect

Komedy Korner

**Seek the truth
 Listen to the truth
 Teach the truth
 Abide by the truth
 And
 Defend the truth
 Unto death
 John Huss**

Only One Right Interpretation

We need to understand an important principle" A biblical text has only one right interpretation. In other words, it only means one thing. The idea that people are entitled to their own interpretations and that every interpretation is just as valid as another is erroneous.

If the person who hears or reads a statement can decide for himself what the statement means, and there is not just one right meaning, then attempting to communicate with each other becomes pointless. Imagine a policeman pulling a driver over for failing to stop at a stop sign. The policeman says, "Sir, did you see that stop sign?" The driver responds, "Yes sir, I did." Confused, the officer says, "Don't you understand that means you have to stop?" The driver then smiles and says, "Well, that's your interpretation."

The meaning of a particular passage might be difficult to understand, but rest assured, it only has one correct interpretation. The Bible is not some mystical book that changes meanings, depending on who is reading it. It doesn't mean different things to different people. When the prophet or apostle penned those particular words to the original audience, he meant something. Our job is to figure out, "What did he mean by that?"

Understanding what a passage of Scripture means can be difficult. As I said earlier, the books of the Bible were written by men living in entirely different cultures. On top of that, different books of the Bible must be interpreted differently. For instance, the Book of Psalms is a book of poetry, and you can't interpret poetry the same way you interpret historical narratives like the Book of Joshua.

If we want to know the Truth, we must do the hard work of interpretation. We must ask questions like: "Who wrote this book?", "To whom did he write it?", "When did he write it?", "What literature style was he using?", "What was the primary purpose of this book?"

The more we understand the answers to these questions, the better conclusions we will reach about the correct meaning of scripture. This is NOT an impossible task. God wants His people to understand what Scripture means. The Bible was written to be timeless. It was written to be read for centuries. It was written to be understood.

I will readily admit there are some difficult passages of Scripture to interpret (not nearly as many as some people would have you believe). These passages have various possible meanings. In other words, scholars and theologians disagree on what the passage means, and they have come up with several different possible interpretations. But at the end of the day, there is only one right interpretation, and all the other interpretations are wrong.

When a brother in Christ admonishes me, saying, "Scripture says you're wrong for what you're doing," and I respond with, "Well that's just your interpretation," at the very least I am being lazy, and at worst I'm being disobedient to God. It could be that the person is wrong in his interpretation. In that case, we need to sit down together and figure out the correct interpretation of the text and how it applies to the lives of Christians today. If he is wrong in his interpretation and I know he is wrong, it isn't loving or kind for me to leave him with the impression that it's alright for him to continue believing a wrong interpretation, as if we are all entitled to different interpretations.

It could also be that his interpretation is correct. If so, I need to yield my life to God's will. It's easy to just dismiss something with, "That's not how I interpret that passage," but it's easy because dismissal is often simply disobedience. Disobedience is easy.

Just because you don't like what a passage of Scripture says doesn't mean you can just interpret it a different way. If you would be a disciple of Christ, you must accept even the difficult and challenging truths as revealed in Scripture

~Wes McAdams