

God is Worthy of All Praise

Every first day of the week, members of the Lord's church assemble to worship their heavenly Father according to the Scriptures (cf. Acts 20:6-7; 1 Cor. 11:18-32; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). Many people, however, feel that going to church is not for them. They say they don't need a building to worship God. They can worship God anywhere in their daily living. This feeling is not supported by the Scriptures. In Psalm 150, the Lord says there is a proper place to worship, a proper reason to worship, and everyone is required to worship.

In the first verse, the psalm tells us that worship is done in the sanctuary of God. "Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!" When the psalm was written, the sanctuary of the Lord was the temple. Today, however, the temple of the Lord is the church (Eph. 2:19-22). "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord..." If you are not assembled with the church, you are not in the right place for worship.

In verse 2, we see why God should be worshipped. "Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!" Who is the God that we worship? He is the God who spoke the universe into existence, who parted the Red Sea, who gave His only begotten Son to die for the sins of the world. Who can compare to the power, wonder, and love of the Lord? The Lord must be praised because He is worthy. If your worship is not aimed at praising the Lord, your heart is not in the right place for worship.

Finally, the psalmist explains that everyone is required to worship God. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Every created being owes its existence to the Lord. Not only that, but He also provides daily blessings, caring for us like a devoted Father. Psalm 103:13 tells us, "As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust." If our Father is so caring, why would we not take the small amount of time He requires of our week to give thanks to Him for all He has done for us?

God is worthy of all praise. He has demonstrated His love for us in all aspects of our lives. Are we so self-important that we think we don't need to demonstrate our love in return? We all must humbly gather together in the proper place He designated for worship and with the proper reason He designated for worship. Don't miss out on all the blessings of worship by forsaking the assembly..~Robert Lupo

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries				
9/7 Monthly Potluck 9/9 Hand and Foot get together 9/13 Men's Business Meeting TBD Youth Get together	Craig & Debbie Bolt 9/1 Janette Petty 9/13 Darrell & Shirley McLaughlin Virgil & Jonni Marcotte 9/17 Jack Danley 9/18 Molly Rice 9/19	Rick & Delina Woodward 9/26 Lonna Rau 9/29			
Today's News	Bible Studies				
5 th Sunday singing at Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am - Galatians Wed pm – Acts	Ladies Class Ladies class resumes Thursday September 11, at 11:00 - 12:30. Sandi Gray will be the leader of the study.			

For us to remember:

- Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Norm Hubbard, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods,
- Paul Mays, Shauna, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza (Danny's cousin), Terry Brown
- Keep **Lupe Mendoza** and the Mendoza family in your prayers as she begins radiation therapy for cancer Keep **Joe Marcotte** in your prayers as he continues his long road to recovery
- Keep **Don Petross** in your prayers as he recovers from brain surgery
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- Remember to set aside time for the **fall gospel meeting** on September 3 -7. The theme is Called to be Holy. The speaker is Trey Sullins. It starts at 6:00pm on Wednesday September 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and at 9:30 on Sunday the 7th.
- The **fifth Sunday singing** is today in Kennewick. Please plan to attend and enjoy an hour of praise to God in song

Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	G. Keever	L. Moore	C. Rice	A. Rodriguez K. Winstead	J. Danley
Wed. Devotional		L. Moore	C. Rice		
Next Week	H. Jones	J. Mendoza	C. Rice	L. Moore . Keever	D. McLaughlin

The Truth About Jesus: Part 1 of 7: The Introduction

There are 31,102 verses in the Bible. That's a lot! If you memorized one verse per day, you could have the whole Bible memorized in just over 85 years. Of course, every verse in the Bible ultimately is about Jesus Christ—Someone is coming (summary of the Old Testament books), Someone is here (summary of Matthew through John), Someone is coming again (summary of Acts through Revelation). But, if you could memorize one verse that would give you an overview of the life, purpose, greatness and truth of that Someone, start with 1 Timothy 3:16.

You will probably notice in your Bible that most of the verse is set apart in its formatting, similar to the way that the book of Psalms or other poetic sections in your Bible might appear. In doing so, the translators help us to see six pivotal truths about Jesus Christ that are integral to the story of the Bible. But, before Paul gets to those six transforming truths, he introduces them with these words: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness." What is he telling us?

Paul emphasizes truth's certainty: "without controversy." The Greek word literally means, "that which one confesses," and it is defined as "most certain, uncontestable, undeniable, beyond dispute, without doubt." Think about God using that word to describe the truth of Jesus Christ—it is without controversy and beyond dispute. Only a foolish mortal would deny or argue against the undeniable!

Paul emphasizes truth's supremacy: "great is." The truth of Jesus Christ and God's plan to save mankind is of surpassing importance. Nothing compares. It is likened to oxygen—we cannot survive without it. There is not (and never will be) anything greater or more important in your life.

Paul emphasizes truth's clarity: "the mystery." The word does not mean mysterious or incapable of being understood. Quite the opposite. That which (i.e., "the mystery of Christ," Eph. 3:4) "was not made known" in "other ages...has now been revealed" (3:5). God's plan for salvation through His Son has been clearly revealed in the gospel.

Paul emphasizes truth's relevancy: "of godliness." On the one hand, "godliness" stands for the entire Christian system, which has been revealed. On the other hand, the truth of Jesus Christ leads one to a life of "godliness," referring to one's devotion and conformity to God's will, as one seeks to please God in all things.

The truth of Jesus Christ is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives! As the Lord's church, we are "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). We must know it! We must teach it and defend it! Let's study this together. ~David Sproule

When You Forgive, You Must Press "Delete"

One of the most comforting and thrilling verses in all of the Bible is the prophecy that Jeremiah foresaw in the coming new covenant and which was highlighted as a reality for Christians in the book of Hebrews, when God says, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more" (Heb. 8:12). When God forgives us, He presses "Delete" and does not remember or hold it against us any longer.

Are we supposed to do the same? We are commanded to forgive one another, "just as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32). He is our standard and our model. And when we truly have the love of God in us for others, we will "not take into account a wrong suffered" (1 Cor. 13:5, NASB) or keep a "record of wrongs" (NIV). When I forgive someone, God does not want me to hang on to their record, tally it up and hold it against them. He wants me to love them as Jesus has loved me (John 13:34-35), which means I must press "Delete" and lovingly move on. ~ David Sproule

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