



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

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Message:-----Ralph Yoder

Offering:-----General

***God doesn't expect us to know it all, be it all,
do it all, or have it all, but He does expect us
to Trust Him through it all!***

▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

The Hungry Fox Who Got Caught In The Tree Trunk

Once upon a time, there was a hungry fox that was looking for something to eat. He was very hungry. No matter how hard he tried, the fox could not find food. Finally he went to the edge of the forest and searched there for food. Suddenly he caught sight of a big tree with a hole in it.

Inside the hole was a package. The hungry fox immediately thought that there might be food in it, and became very happy. He jumped into the hole. When he opened the package, he saw slices of bread, meat and fruit in it!

An old woodcutter had placed the food in the tree trunk before he began to cut down trees in the forest. He was going to eat it for his lunch.

The fox happily began to eat. After he finished eating, he felt thirsty and decided to leave the hole and drink some water from a nearby spring. However, no matter how hard he tried, he could not get out of the hole. Do you know why? Yes, the fox had eaten so much food that he became too big to fit through the hole!

The fox was very sad and upset. He told himself, "I wish I had thought a little before jumping into the hole."

Yes children, this is the result of doing something without thinking about it first.

https://www.kidsworldfun.com/shortstories_foxwhogotcought.php

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! May 21, Victoria Yoder 2009

Dangers of the 20th Century (part 3) – Christianity Without Christ –

As ridiculous as it may sound, I'm afraid many religious people and organizations are attempting to practice Christianity without Christ. Some have been doing it for so long that they don't even know they are doing it. Once again, I'm going to lay most of the blame on institutional and denominational religion.

As I study the history of the early New Testament church in the book of Acts, I read that disciples of Christ were first called Christians in a town called Antioch (Acts 11:26). Prior to that, disciples of Christ were simply referred to as followers of "The Way" (Acts 9:2 and 24:14).

The early church did not have church buildings to meet in. It did not have pews to sit in. There was no clergy or earthly hierarchy. The early Christians met in one another's homes. They almost always shared a meal together. They met whenever and wherever they could.

In the first century, there were many different groups of Christians in different parts of the world – but Christians were Christians no matter where they were. They were disciples or followers of Christ – and that's all. There were no divisions or denominations. In 1 Corinthians 3:3-5, we find that a few of the early Christians tried to create divisions within the church. The apostle Paul quickly put a stop to this.

The early church was referred to as the body of Christ with each individual Christian being a part of it (1 Corinthians 12:27). Jesus is the head of this body (Colossians 1:18). God created the church to be a living and active organism based entirely around Jesus Christ – NOT on anyone or anything else. And that is exactly the way it should be. After all, it was Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for the sins of the world. It was Jesus Christ who provided a way for mankind to be reunited with God. It was Jesus Christ who provided a way for us to escape eternal damnation. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me." How can we build a church or a religion around or on anything or anyone else?

In the little town of Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, there are at least five different churches – all with a different name and a different set of doctrines and beliefs. Folks, that is ridiculous!

I am sorely afraid that many of today's so-called Christians spend more time worshipping their man-made denominations, doctrines, traditions, buildings, programs, etc. than they spend worshipping Jesus Christ. Basically, they are serving and worshipping themselves. God forgive them!

The following is a portion of a prayer Jesus prayed shortly before he was arrested and crucified. He started out praying for himself, then he prayed for his disciples. Finally, he prayed for all future believers...

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent

me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17: 21 & 23)

Christianity without Christ is NOT Christianity, and it will NOT save us. As I said last week, we need to get back to the fundamental teachings and practices of the New Testament church. The things we do need to be based on Christ and the teachings of Christ. We need to do whatever we can to make Jesus' prayer (above) come true.

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, the apostle Paul warns about godlessness in the last days. He says the so-called religious people will not be lovers of God. Instead, they will be lovers of themselves – having a form of godliness, but denying its power. Folks, there is way too much evidence of this all around us.

Don't just GO to church; BE the Church

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Mission & Vision Statement Of: Calvary Christian Fellowship

Mission: To realize our need of Christ.

To help one another on life's journey.

Vision: To surrender to Christ our Head, to walk in the Spirit, to love as Jesus loves.

To be a place where it's safe to share failures, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

To encourage, and empower one another to find God's purpose as we walk with Christ on our journey to Heaven.

To help the hurting find healing, and the lost experience salvation, in Christ.

To assist in physical needs among, and around us.