



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

June 14, 2020

Devotional:----- Robert Martin

Message:----- Elmer Yoder

Offering:----- General

Adult and Youth Verse: Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal. 3:24

Intermediate Verse: Do all things without murmurings and disputing. Phil. 2:14

Junior Verse: For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the

candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. Heb. 9:2

Primary Verse: We are labourers together with God. 1 Cor. 3:9

Preschool Verse: By love serve one another. Gal. 5:13

▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

The Proud Rose

Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus.

Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color.

Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.

Moral: Never judge anyone by the way they look.

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Eve.
- ✓ Church Social Thurs. Eve. 6:30 PM

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! June 19, Galen Kauffman 1996

Heaven Without Hell – Part 7

This is the last of William Booth's six predictions. I believe his concern was that 20th century Christians would be preaching a message that included heaven, but did not include a place called hell.

In the Bible, we find that hell is every bit as real as heaven. It is a place of eternal damnation. It is a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth. It is a place of fire and torment. It is a terrible place that no one would ever want to visit.

A few of you probably remember the days that many evangelists preached fire and brimstone messages. They literally scared their listeners into heaven. Fear can be a powerful motivator. It motivated me to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I was so afraid of going to hell that I grabbed at the first real alternative that came along.

The Bible does say that fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7), but it also tells us that there is no fear in love and that perfect love will drive out fear (1 John 4:18). God's love is perfect. In fact, God is perfect love. God would much rather love us into heaven than scare us into heaven.

Unfortunately, we may have gone too far in the opposite direction. Hell is such a terrible place that many evangelists and preachers have decided it is best to not talk about it. After all, describing the realities of hell might upset their listeners to the point that they will quit coming to church and quit giving of their so-called "tithes and offerings." Perhaps it would be best to only talk about heaven and God's love.

Talk about it or not, the fact remains that there is still a terrible place called hell. We can't just wish it away.

God is a God of love, but he is also a God of justice and of righteousness. The Bible even talks about the wrath of God. God provided a way for us to be saved from our sins through his son, Jesus Christ. If we refuse to accept God's free gift of salvation – on his terms – we will experience God's wrath (John 3:36).

In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction (hell), and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life (heaven), and only a few find it."

Many modern-day preachers try to soothe our conscience by telling us that we will all go to heaven, but that contradicts what Jesus said. In fact, Jesus seems to be saying that more people will end up in hell than in heaven. Those who say there is no hell will quickly change their minds the minute they get there. Unfortunately, they will no longer have the opportunity to accept God's free gift of salvation.

In Matthew 7:21, Jesus goes on to say, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven..." In other words, many who claim to be a Christian

won't be going to heaven. That's scary! In fact, I consider this to be the scariest verse in the entire Bible. Millions of people who consider themselves to be a Christian and who "go to church" every week may be headed straight to hell. They have been deceived – and they don't know it.

Friends, it is time to take your salvation seriously. It is time to read God's Word for yourself. It is time to find out what his plan of salvation is. God does not want any of us to go to hell. He is patiently waiting for each of us to repent and turn to him for salvation (2 Peter 3:9).

When you die there are only two options – heaven and hell. You will either spend eternity in the splendors of heaven or in the terrible fires of hell. The decision is yours to make, but it must be made before you die. Today would be a GREAT time to decide where you will be spending your eternity.

I hope you will find a Bible believing and teaching group of Christians to meet with. If you do, it will be full of people who will help you find your way to heaven. Christians are on a journey to the Promised Land. It is our responsibility to help one another complete this journey. Someday, I hope to meet up with each and every one of you in heaven. What a GREAT time we will have – for all of eternity!

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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.