

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

February 24, 2013

✚✚✚ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✚✚✚

**Devotional:**----- Justin Miller  
**Message:**----- Ervin Yoder  
**Offering:**----- School  
**SS Lesson:**----- 1 Corinthians 13

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 1 Cor. 13:4

**Intermediate Verse:** Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Rom. 9:20

**Junior Verse:** If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 1 John 4:20

**Today's Host Family:** Henry & Fannie Nissley

**Primary Verse:** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6

**Preschool Verse:** "Teach me, O Lord" Ps. 119:33

**SS Lesson for next week:**  
1 Corinthians 14:1-19

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:**  
Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 1 Cor. 14:12

**Next Sunday Hosts:** Jonathan & Mary K Miller

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Finch ,Created on Day 5 (April 14, 2011)

Design The finch has been used by many to support the doctrine of evolution. Charles Darwin observed thirteen different species of finches on one island that had variations in shape and size of beak. He proposed that the different species evolved from one original pair, each adapting to its habitat and diet. But this is not evidence for molecules-to-man evolution, but rather an example of natural selection and adaptation. When God created the finch kind, He created it with all the necessary information it needed to survive in the wild. On the islands where Darwin observed them, they had adapted to their diet and their surroundings, resulting in several "different" varieties, which needed different beaks to eat different things in times of drought and in times of plenty.

Features Finch beaks are cone-shaped and are used to break open seeds. Many species are brightly colored with red, blue, and yellow feathers while some others also have green.

Fun Facts True finches usually have strong voices. They build cup-shaped nests, and goldfinches usually lay 5 pale-blue or greenish-blue eggs that will hatch in about 12 days. Babies will fledge about 12 days after that.

Created Kind Members Goldfinch, grosbeak

CLASS: Aves (birds) ORDER: Passeriformes (perching birds) FAMILY: Fringillidae (finches) GENUS/SPECIES: 134 species in 19 genera Size: Mostly 4-6 in long (0.1-0.2 m) Weight: Only a few ounces (grams) Original Diet: Plants Present Diet: Primarily seed-eaters Habitat: All over the world except for Antarctica - <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/zoo/finch>

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Youth Bible Study tonight at 6:30 at James Yoder's.
- ✓ PTA meeting Monday eve at 7PM.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM. (Several Brethren have been asked to give a talk on an article of any publication that gets put in church mailboxes.)
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Ervin Yoder
- ✓ School lets out at 1 PM Thursday for Spring break and will resume Tuesday March 5.
- ✓ Reminder School Craft sale on Mar 15<sup>th</sup>. Hannah would like to have your listing before spring break so she can work on it.
- ✓ Elmer's went to Minnesota to visit Gary, he slipped on the ice & broke his leg.
- ✓ Norman's are in Russelville. He was asked to preach at Plainview church.

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Feb. 24, Happy Birthday! Jennifer Yoder, 1993

Feb. 27, Happy Birthday! Elma Petersheim, 1978

Feb. 28, Happy Birthday! Kathleen Yoder, 1993

Feb. 28, Happy Birthday! Zachary Yoder, 2004

Sabbath Day Devotion, February 23, 2013

I Tell You the Truth

—By John W. Ritenbaugh

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17-20)

Jesus is saying, in plain language, that His teaching does not contradict the Old Covenant law, but it is the ultimate fulfillment of its spiritual intent. Even in the smallest matter, the smallest statement – the jot and the tittle – the law must be fulfilled.

Notice where His statement appears. Matthew places it immediately after Jesus' exhortation, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works" (Matthew 5:13). What if our works are

good? Are we supposed to hide them? Then comes his statement regarding law. Is there a connection between good works and keeping the law? One would have to be quite obstinate to believe there is no connection between them. It is obvious that He is connecting good works with law keeping.

To strengthen the argument, He mentions righteousness in verse 20. What is the Bible's definition of righteousness? Psalm 119:172: "All Your commandments are righteousness." Thus, sandwiched between righteousness and letting one's light shine comes an explanation that He did not come

to do away with the law but to fill it to the full, to help us understand its ultimate application – its spiritual intent.

Is it possible to keep the law in its spirit without also keeping it in the letter? It cannot be done. One must first keep it in the letter before learning how to keep its spirit.

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