



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

April 3, 2016

Devotional:----- Steve Nissley
 Message:----- Henry Nissley
 Offering:----- Missions
 SS Lesson:----- 1 Peter 3:13-22

Adult and Youth Verse: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 1 Pet. 3:15

Intermediate Verse: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. 9:12

Junior Verse: If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom. 12:18

Primary Verse: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9

Preschool Verse: "Live in peace." 2 Cor. 13:11

SS Lesson for next week: 1 Peter 4: 1-19

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1Peter 4:8

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Trekking Through Proverbs

The First Foolish Choice-by Stacia McKeever

God, with great wisdom, created the first two people—Adam and Eve. He gave them a command to obey: Don't eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or you'll die (GENESIS 2:16–17).

Did they choose the path of wisdom or foolishness?

Sadly, they thought that by disobeying God's command, they would become wise (GENESIS 3:6). Adam and Eve chose the path of foolishness.

God is holy (without sin); and therefore, He must punish sinners. God judged Adam and Eve and found them guilty of disobeying His commands. And He punished them as He had promised. He sent them from the Garden of Eden, and they weren't able to eat from the Tree of Life (another tree God had planted in the Garden of Eden) anymore. They began to die (Genesis 3).

From that time on, everyone born into their family (all humans—including you and me) is born a sinner and disobeys God's commands (ROMANS 3:23). We are all foolish. And we all deserve the punishment for sin: death and eternal separation from God's goodness in a terrible place called hell (ROMANS 6:23; MATTHEW 10:28). But there is GOOD NEWS! God had a wise plan to make a way for us to spend forever with Him! <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/worldview/first-foolish-choice/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free evening due to all the flu/sickness.
- Sisters Sewing on Tuesday. Hotdish: Edith & Elsie; Salad: Jan & Elmina; Dessert: Mary K.& Pauline
- Brotherhood Meeting has been canceled for this month.
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. To go: Jason, Elmer & Sheldon - Devotions
- School devotions this week by: James Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

April 5, Happy Birthday! Simon Yoder, 1932

April 7, Happy Birthday! Japheth Nissley, 1997

April 9, Happy Birthday! Melanie Nissley, 2009

Thoughts for Today

Helping a Hurting Friend: Show Respect

The third vital quality we need to develop in helping a hurting loved one—and in every relationship—is respect. People with life-controlling problems might not seem to deserve our respect, but our respect for them could be one of the keys to their healing. Even if their life is controlled by destructive behaviors, people deserve respect as a human being.

Respecting loved ones with a life-controlling problem doesn't mean you should own their problem or rescue them from taking responsibility for their behavior. It does mean you should treat them as equals and not put them down.

How is this possible? First, you need to separate them from their behavior. Look beyond their wrong behavior and see them as God's creation. Even though you cannot respect their wrongdoing, you can respect them as a person.

Second, remember that God loves us no matter what we do. He gave us free will even though we sometimes use that freedom in harmful ways. Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. If God shows us this kind of love and respect, how can we do less for each other?

Consider this ...

Ask God to help you love and respect people as his creation even when you can't respect what they are doing. Difficult? Yes. But with Christ, all things are possible.

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