



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

May 1, 2016

Devotional:----- John Lapp

Message:----- Paul Miller

Offering:-----Alms

SS Lesson for next week: 2 Peter 2:1-9

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 2 Peter 2:9

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Transformed

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

"It's a nice sunny day," said Mom. "Want to help me plant seeds in the garden?"

"Okay!" agreed Caleb. "I'll get them." He ran to fetch the brightly colored packets and soon he and Mom were burying tiny brown seeds in the rich, dark earth. "I wonder if there will be flowers in heaven," said Caleb suddenly. His grandma had recently died, and Caleb knew she was now in heaven.

Mom smiled. "I hope so!" she said.

"It's hard to understand what heaven is like, huh?" asked Caleb. "I know Grandma is there now, but!" He paused. "We'll still have bodies, right?" he asked. "I know Pastor Holmes said Grandma left her body and went to be with Jesus, but he said her body would be raised up again some day." Caleb hesitated. "But Grandma was old and sick. I don't think she'd want her body back."

"The Bible says that when our bodies are raised, they'll be changed," said Mom.

"They'll be glorious, heavenly bodies."

"But how can such an old, sick body like Grandma's change so much?"

Mom thought a moment. "Caleb, do you really think those seeds you're planting will grow into flowers?" she asked.

Caleb looked at his mother in astonishment. "Why wouldn't they?"

"Look at them--they're so small and ugly!" said Mom. "They don't look at all like the

flowers in this picture." She pointed to the picture on the seed packet--a glorious mass of red, orange, and yellow flowers. "Do you really think those seeds can turn into something as beautiful and as different as this?"

"Mom! Of course they can!" exclaimed Caleb. "They're seeds--that's what they do."

Mom smiled. "I just want you to see how God can make things change. Just like He created tiny seeds to become big, beautiful flowers, God promises that He will one day transform those who love Him and give them bodies more glorious than we can imagine."

Caleb glanced back and forth from the seed packet to the seeds he held in his hand.

"Glorious, heavenly bodies," he murmured. He smiled. "All right!"

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you wonder what our new bodies in heaven will be like? Think of how God makes plants of all shapes, sizes, and colors grow out of small seeds. That's just a tiny glimpse of what He can do! You can be sure He will work even greater miracles when He gives Christians new bodies that will last forever.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 15:44 (KJV)

(The body) is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

*Verse displayed is NKJV-

<http://www.keysforkids.org/For-Kids/Keys-for-Kids/Read-Listen>

Announcements:

➤ Fellowship Lunch at the School after services. Everyone Welcome!

➤ This Evening: Open Evening

➤ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. To go: Jonathan, Loren & Everett – Devotions

➤ Tomorrow (May 2) is the last day of school. School will dismiss at the usual time. School Picnic is planned for Saturday. (May 7) Printouts of the Picnic schedule and activities are in the mailboxes.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

(today!) May 1, Happy Birthday! Pauline Yoder, 1960

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May 4, Happy Anniversary! James & Elsie Yoder, 2007

What Is The Holy Communion?

The Holy Communion, known also as the Lord's Supper, represents the greatest expression of God's love for His people.

Two items are used in the Holy Communion—the bread which represents Jesus' body that was scourged and broken before and during His crucifixion, and the cup which represents His shed blood.

When Jesus walked on earth, He was vibrant, and His body was full of life and health. He was never sick. But before Jesus went to the cross, He was badly scourged by the Roman soldiers, and His body was torn as He hung on the cross.

At the cross, God also took all our sicknesses and diseases and put them on Jesus' originally perfect and healthy body, so that we can walk in divine health. That is why the Bible says by His stripes, we are healed (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24).

In Luke 22:20, Jesus tells us that the cup is the "new covenant in My blood", and the apostle Paul tells us that the blood of Jesus brings forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:14, Ephesians 1:7).

Why Do Believers Partake Of The Holy Communion?

Besides being born again in Christ, a healthy body and mind are the greatest blessings anyone can have. And the Holy Communion is God's ordained channel of healing and wholeness.

On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus ate His last supper with His disciples. And knowing what

He would accomplish through His sacrifice, He instituted the Holy Communion (Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

His loving instruction is that we are to remember Him as we partake of the Holy Communion. Jesus wanted us conscious of how His body was broken for our wholeness, and His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. And whenever we partake in this consciousness, we "proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Today, when we partake of the bread, we are declaring that Jesus' health and divine life flows in our mortal bodies. And when we partake of the cup, we are declaring that we are forgiven and have been made righteous. Jesus' blood gives us right standing before God, and we can go boldly into God's presence (Hebrews 4:16). When we pray, we can be sure that God hears us!

How Do I Partake Of The Holy Communion?

Before you partake, remember that the Holy Communion is not a ritual to be observed, but a blessing to be received.

Because it is not a ritual, there is no prescribed bread or special drink required. In the Last Supper, Jesus used whatever He had at the table—bread commonly eaten at supper, and whatever they were drinking.

<http://www.josephprince.org/daily-grace/articles/single/the-power-of-the-holy-communion/>