



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

May 29, 2016

Devotional:----- Don Schrock  
 Message:----- Ervin Yoder  
 Offering:----- Alms  
 SS Lesson:----- 1 John 1:1-10

**Adult and Youth Verse:** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

**Intermediate Verse:** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:10

**Junior Verse:** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Hebrews 13:8

**Primary Verse:** "Now we exhort you, brethren,...be patient toward all men" 1 Thess. 5:14

**Preschool Verse:** "Be patient toward all men." 1 Thess. 5:14

**SS Lesson for next week:** 1 John 2:1-14

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 1 John 2:10

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Flood Legends continued...

In Mexico, there is an ancient Toltec account of a global flood. This story recounts how there was a first world which lasted less than 2,000 years. Then a great flood came and destroyed the first world, covering even the highest mountains with water. A few people escaped the flood in something like a "closed chest." Following the flood, these people began to multiply so that many people were once again on the earth.

The Aztecs also have a flood legend. According to their story, the Creator told Tapi to build a boat for himself to live, and to take his wife and a pair of every animal that was alive with him in the boat. Then the rains began and the mountains became flooded. All the people and the animals not on the boat were lost in the water. The rains finally stopped. Tapi knew the water was gone when he let a dove loose that did not return to him.

Does this sound familiar to you? Check out the true account of the Flood of Noah's time in GENESIS 6-9!

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/noahs-ark/flood-legends/mexico/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Open Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. To go: Sheldon, Jason & Ralph – Devotions

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

May 30, Happy Anniversary! Jonathan & Mary Kathryn, 1990

God's Will –

Some people think that since God created the world and everything and everyone in it, whatever happens in this world must be within God's will. This thinking is incorrect.

God did create the world and everything that has ever been a part of this world, and God is all-knowing and all-powerful. Therefore, God could have absolute control over every little thing that goes on in this world – but that is seldom the case. Do you know why?

When God created the world we live in he set several spiritual and natural laws in motion. Many of the things that happen on this earth happen because of the spiritual and natural laws that God established in the beginning. For example things or people fall from high places because of the law of gravity. Sir Isaac Newton did not invent the law of gravity when the apple fell on his head. He just discovered it. God created the law of gravity in the very beginning – and it is still working today.

When God created mankind he created us in his own image and he gave us dominion and control over the newly created world and over all of its newly created creatures (Genesis 1:26-31). It was at this point that God willingly gave up his control over every little thing that goes on in this world. God also gave mankind a free will. We are free to make our own decisions. We are free to choose right or wrong. God did not want us to be like puppets with no free will. Consequently, mankind has made many, many mistakes and bad decisions over the years. It is extremely rare for our free will to line up with God's perfect will.

At any moment... God can (and often does) step in to take total control over a situation. He has both the authority and the ability to do so. That is why we pray for God's help. That is why

miracles continue to take place on a daily basis. A miracle or a supernatural happening can only take place when God chooses to step in and take control. More often than not, though, God does not interfere in the things that go on in this world. He is resolved to allow things to happen that are NOT according to his good and perfect will.

For example, it is not God's will that babies are born with AIDS. It is not God's will that children are dying of starvation. It is not God's will that marriages and families break up. It is not God's will that people become addicted to drugs and alcohol. It is not God's will that drunk drivers injure and kill other people. It is not God's will that one group of people is at war with another group of people. It is not God's will that his church is split and divided into many man-made denominations. AND, it is not God's will that anyone should spend eternity in hell.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

It would be nice if everything that happens on this earth was according to God's will – but it is not. God wants us to come to him under our own free will. God wants us to seek out his will and apply it to our lives and to the world around us. God is not going to force anything on us – but he will hold us accountable for some of the decisions we make, or don't make.

God's supreme will for you and me is that we have an intimate and personal relationship with him through Jesus Christ. That is God's will, and he has provided the means – but the decision is ours. I am praying for God's will to be done.

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