



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

August 20, 2017

**Devotional:**----- Loren Yoder

**Message:**----- Ervin Yoder

**Offering:**----- General

**SS Lesson:**----- Genesis 1

**Adult and Youth Verse:** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 1:27

**Intermediate Verse:** And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Mark 11:9

**Junior Verse:** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

**Primary Verse:** "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4

**Preschool Verse:** "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18

**SS Lesson for next week:** Genesis 2

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2:17

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"...Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD (JEREMIAH 23:24). GENESIS 1:1; NEHEMIAH 9:6; JEREMIAH 10:6; PSALM 86:8

We already touched on this in question one, but let's look at it a different way. We tend to think of things in terms of a physical size. For example, we can look at how tall people are, how big the dog is, how high the mountains are, how wide the creek is—you get the idea. We compare the things we see when it comes to size. Some things are very big and some things are very small. But God doesn't have a physical form. Remember? God is spirit and He fills both time and space because He is spirit. We know that God created the universe. (Now that is very big!) And there sure isn't anything in the whole universe we can compare Him to.

So, when we talk about how big God is we need to understand that God is infinite. (Infinite means we can't even measure it and there are no words to describe it—it is forever big). He is infinite in power; that's big! He is infinite in wisdom; that's big! He is infinite in knowledge; that's big! I don't think we can begin to imagine just how big He is, but it is fun to think about it.

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/creation/how-big-is-god/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Finger foods supper and singing at the schoolhouse at 6:30.
- Wednesday Evening: Tom Fabris from Liberty Healthshare will be speaking at our church at 7:00.
- First day of school is on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Dismissal will be at 2:30.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Ralph & Jan

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

(today!) Happy Anniversary! LaWayne & Dorcas, 2011

Hidden Treasure –

If I told you that somewhere in Eastern Colorado there was a pile containing 100 tons of dirty black coal, you probably wouldn't be too impressed or interested. However, if I told you this pile of coal had over one thousand diamonds hidden in it and some of those diamonds were as big as walnuts, you would be very interested, wouldn't you? What if I told you that everything in that pile was free for the taking?

Most people wouldn't hesitate a bit to drive non-stop to Eastern Colorado in search of this pile of coal with the hidden diamonds. Once they found it they would jump out of the car, run to the pile and start digging in search of those diamonds. I doubt if they would even take time to change your clothes.

What would cause good, upstanding, well-dressed people like you and me to act in such a way? We know how valuable a big diamond is. What if we could find several of those big diamonds? It would be worth driving all night and digging through a pile of dirty coal, wouldn't it?

God's Word, the Bible, is similar to that pile of coal. There are literally thousands and thousands of hidden

treasures and promises in it – all free for the taking. In reality, the treasures that can be found in God's Word are worth much, much more than all the diamonds in the world.

Take time to get to know God, your creator, by reading his word. Take time to discover the treasures and promises that can be yours just for the taking.

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Matthew 16:26

Suppose you really do find 10 diamonds as big as walnuts. What value will they have to you in 100 years? None of your worldly treasures will have any value to you in 100 years.

In contrast, the treasures you find in God's Word will still have tremendous value to you in 1,000 years – and in 1,000,000 years. I encourage you to read the "Parable of the Rich Farmer" that is recorded in Luke 12:16-21.

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