

More Than Just Being Good

by Joe Slater via bulletin of Justin church of Christ Justin, TX

“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius . . . a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people and prayed to God always” (Acts 10:2, NKJV).

If you aren't being good, repent – quickly! And bring forth the fruit of repentance by mending your ways. God wants you to be good. Of that there is no doubt.

But is “being good” all God requires? If ever there was a “good” man, Cornelius certainly was. As to “goodness,” few, if any, of us could hold a candle to him. He was “devout” (i.e. religious) man And he directed his devotion toward the right object: he “feared God” (i.e. he held God in reverence). Not only that, but he led his household in that same worshipful devotion. Then our text tells us he “gave alms generously to the people.” While Cornelius was a Gentile, his charity was directed toward Jews (“the people” is used in contrast to the Gentiles). Finally, Cornelius “prayed to God always.”

What a good man! God Himself took note of him: “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God” (Acts 10:4). So Cornelius must have been saved, right? No, that would be wrong! God's holy angel told him to “send men to Joppa , and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved” (Acts 11:13-14). Good as he was, Cornelius was lost! Unlike so many today, however, Cornelius wasn't trusting in his own goodness. When Peter taught him the gospel, he believed and obeyed (Acts 10:44-48).

Jesus taught that many sincere, “good,” religious people will be lost on Judgment Day. “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then will declare to them, ‘I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:22-23).

Yes, doing His will includes being “good”; but goodness won't cleanse you from sin. Only Jesus' blood can do that when you, like Cornelius, believe and obey the gospel, and then “walk in the light” with Jesus (1 John 1:7).



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

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| Sunday AM Bible Study | 9:45 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 11:00 AM |
| No Sunday PM Service | |
| Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday PM Bible Study | 7:00 PM |

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If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are not expected to give money but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.



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Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “Quiet Please”

Prayers *In our prayers, let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Louella Hopkins fell recently and broke her wrist.

Bill Kinney Let’s keep him in our prayers.

Sharron Gantt Her eyes are still healing.

Tony & Eglá Grana Let’s keep them in our prayers.

Lula Elder is dealing with health issues.

Kim Graves, friend of Mark & Audrey Dailey, had surgery Tuesday and will begin radiation treatments soon.

Chad Szymanski, Louella Hopkins’ 12 year old nephew, is facing brain surgery soon.

Billy Stine, son of Sonny & Linda Stine, is facing heart surgery soon.

Michael R., a relative of Anna & Bruce Brink, will be deployed to Afghanistan for a year.

Anna Brink’s sister is now two years cancer free.

Georgia Smith, a neighbor of Maria Swindlehurst and Yolanda Davis, has one more treatment to go.

Dorothy, mother of Jim who cleans the building for us, is dealing with breast cancer.

Amber, a co-worker of Bruce Brink, is dealing with family issues.

Ann Stroock, Wayne Carter’s sister in NC, is scheduled for surgery Feb. 25th.

Jo Grubbs, Carter’s daughter’s mother-in-law, fell recently and fractured her knee.

Let’s pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Let’s pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Feb. 16 Today. Men’s Business Meeting

Feb. 17 Presidents’ Day

Mar. 01 Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus 6 PM here at LaSalle

Mar. 07 Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed with preparing the communion trays for Sunday morning worship. Sister Louella Hopkins has faithfully been doing this service for us, but has broken her wrist and is unable to do it until her wrist is healed. Please see Audrey if you can help.

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Class Matthew

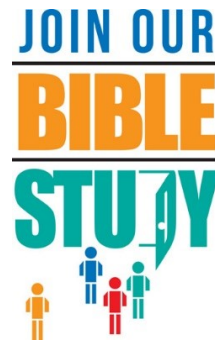
Sermon Topic Today: Simple Strategies For Reflecting Jesus:
Pushmi-Pullyu

Scripture Reading: I Cor. 5:6-8

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Class 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Class 2nd Kings



“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.” (Revelation 1.1)

Lord wills, the Wednesday night Adult Bible Class will begin a study of the book of Revelation when they finish 2 Kings. We have about 6 weeks left in our current study. Let me encourage EVERYONE to be involved in our study on Wednesday nights and Sunday morning. The benefits of Bible Study are life changing!

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119.11)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119.105)

— *Mark*

Taking Flight

from bulletin of Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

How do eagles soar so effortlessly to such amazing heights? Without so much as a flap of the wing, they glide on and on in wide circles across the sky. Through God’s creative design, they are specially equipped to take advantage of updrafts or thermal currents created by differences in air temperature between the surface and higher elevations. Their ability to use these invisible forces enables them to cross over even the highest of mountains. For, as they draw near, the upward force grows stronger and stronger until the mountain is no longer an obstacle, but an adventure.

We need greater awareness of the unseen forces which can work within us. Too often, we grow tired because we have not garnered the power of God’s presence in our lives. Other times, we have chosen, instead, to ride the downdraft of negative thinking so eagerly provided by the world. Direction is a spiritual mindset. God says, “Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth” (Col. 3:2). With practice, we can learn to adjust the tilt of our wings and lean into the power of God “who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us...” (Eph. 3:20). The power to rise above even the highest obstacle is available if we are willing to trust and set our course in His direction.

God “gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary” (Isaiah 40:29–31).



Serving Today

Announcements Mark Dailey

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Michael Rice

Serve Mark Dailey

Serve Ron Cameron

Serve Zach Hansen

Clean Trays Sherry Carter