

Destroyed For A Lack Of Knowledge

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"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children" (Hosea 4:6).

Israel had rejected the knowledge of God by forgetting the law of God. They considered God's law to be "a strange thing" as they rushed to the altars of idols (Hosea 8:12). Please notice the effect of their rejection of knowing the law of God: God rejected them. They were headed for destruction.

We, like them, have free will, with the ability to choose whether or not to know God and follow His will. But, we must realize that God will bring us into judgment when we reject knowing His truth. On the other hand, we obtain freedom from our sins by knowing the truth of Christ and abiding in His word (John 8:31-32).

Do not deceive yourself. You cannot be saved in heaven by rejecting God's law here on earth. We will reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7). Implant the perfect law of liberty into your heart, be a doer of the word and be blessed (James 1:21-25).

When the Trumpet Sounds

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The Bible reveals that one of the key things that will signal the return of Christ will be the sound of the trumpet of God. "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God" (1 Thess. 4:16). A number of incredible events will unfold after the trumpet is sounded.

1. This earth will be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:3-10). There will not be Paradise on earth, as some teach, rather "the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (v. 10). When Jesus returns, He will not be setting up some earthly kingdom, but delivering up to the Father His spiritual kingdom, the church (John 18:36; 1 Cor. 15:23-24).

2. The resurrection of the dead will occur. "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:51-52). Jesus will call all who are in the graves to come forth - "those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:28-29).

3. The judgment of the world will occur. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). The wicked and just will be separated (Matt. 13:47-49; 25:31-33). The wicked will be told to depart from the Lord (Matt. 7:21-23) "into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). The righteous will hear: "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34).

4. All faithful saints will be together with the Lord in heaven forever. "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:16-18). Jesus promised His disciples: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

When the trumpet sounds, it will be too late for repentance (Luke 13:3) or conversion (Acts 3:19). As Jesus warned: "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be...Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matt. 24:36-39, 44). When the trumpet sounds, will you be ready?

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

* Sunday PM Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday PM Bible Class 7:00 PM

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** There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.*

Ladie's Bible Class
Tuesday - 10 AM at the building.

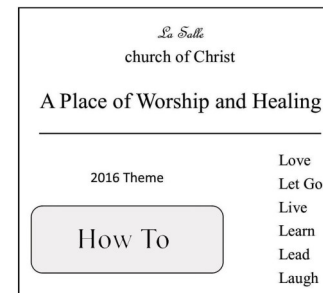


We welcome all who are here today.

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 obviously not expected to give 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 worship.



We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Rejoice
We rejoice with the angels in heaven over Brenda Nelson's decision to be united with Christ in baptism last Sunday morning.

Condolences
Our condolences to Joan Campbell-Cook on the passing of her step-father in Florida. Joan and Milton traveled to Florida Wednesday Nov. 30 to attend funeral services on the weekend.

Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynam, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Jodie Kelly, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, Joyce Cameron, Carol Jones, and Brenda Nelson.

People in other places: Jennifer Walters, Renee Kinney, Diane Fritton, Tim Mellott and family, Billy Stine, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Congressman Ted Poe, Doreen Woods, Betty Leistner, James Proctor, Stephanie, Connie Stewart, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Sheila Donkley, Laval Baptiste, Mary Lou, Mila Roche, Tony & Egla Grana, Patrick, Susan Barrett & family, Lula Hall, Jack Openshaw, Sue Garner, Liz Holton, George Kohlbacher, Karen Anstee, Mary Lou, and Bob.

Updates:
Anna Brink is feeling better but is still weak. She ended back in the hospital Wednesday because of findings at a doctors visit and was released that same day.
David Davis requested prayers on his behalf that God's will be done regarding a job opportunity.
Brenda Nelson is scheduled for surgery at Buffalo General on December 9th.

Leo & Jeanne Johns Leo is suffering with an ulcerated toe and has to stay off his feet. He will be seeing a wound care specialist Dec. 6. Jeanne is having a procedure on Friday to install a heart device to help her with rhythm. They send their love and thanks to everyone for prayers and cards.

Sherry Allen, a friend of Mark and Audrey's, has been diagnosed with advanced oral cancer.

Wednesday Rahelich is now scheduled to go to a Boston hospital Dec. 12.

Liz Holton, Noah Bennett's best friend's mom, had surgery Nov 29 for thyroid cancer. She came through the surgery OK but there was a lot more cancer than they expected. An hour and a half surgery lasted five and half hours. It spread behind her ear, into her collar bone, and around her spinal cord. She is recovering well and as of Wednesday she was hoping to be home by now.

Randy Marten. Keith & Glory are asking for prayers that their son Randy will not have such a hardened heart toward the Gospel.

Bobby Granton, Jessica Alcorn's friend, is asking for prayers as her 36 yr old son died unexpectedly Nov. 18.

Mary Lou, Anna Brink's sister, is scheduled for surgery Dec. 7. They will also examine an enlarged lymph node.

Jeff Elder was visiting from Maryland last Sunday and asked for prayers as he recovers from recent hip surgery and for his family as they strive to do God's will.

Patrick, Brenda Nelson's friend, came through surgery fine on Wednesday. She appreciates the prayers.

Sermon Topic Today: *How To Love ...
or at least stop hating.*

Scripture Reading: *1 John 2:7-11*

Trays Today: *Jessica Alcorn*

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

- Dec. 04** **TODAY. Potluck** (Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup & cleanup)
- Dec. 17** Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM
- Dec. 18** Men's Business Meeting
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day

2017 LADIES DEVOTIONALS

There is a list on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium to sign-up to facilitate the monthly ladies devotionals on Friday nights. See Audrey if you have questions.

FYI
The Ladies Bible Class will be making fruit baskets for our shut-ins.
Note: Change of date for putting the fruit baskets together
Tuesday Dec. 20th 10 AM at the building and we will deliver that same day.



Dec. Birthdays

- 02 Leo Johns
- 05 Dennis Reed
- 06 Alex McArthur
- 17 Carol Jones
- 25 Kyra Kyle

Dec. Anniversaries

None This Month



Read Me

Directory

We want to publish an updated "Directory" in the near future. Please see the paperwork posted in the back concerning this.

Some changes and some challenges coming for 2017!

Starting next year, we have moved our Potluck Dinners from once a month to once a quarter (that's the changes). Now the challenge. We want to encourage everyone to have guests in their homes for fellowship and a meal on the months we do not have a potluck scheduled. The intent is to give everyone an opportunity to enjoy intimate fellowship with one another in each other's homes. It will also give the church an excellent chance to invite friends to worship and for a meal in our homes. The specific dates for the quarterly pot-luck meals are posted on the message board.

Sunday Night Class

The Dec. reading schedule is on the back table.



Please check the
"Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers"
boards in the back of the auditorium.