

EPIGRAM ON WORLDLINESS

- Anything that cools my love for Christ is the world.
—John Wesley
- Some folks take up religion as a kind of insurance against hell—and then are not willing to pay the premiums.
—*Christian Cynosure*
- Sign in a church vestibule: —If you were on trial for being Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan's grandpa

Traveling/Working: Christian Larson, the Churchills, Logan Decker

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Bible Study: Due to graduation ceremonies, May 10th Bible study will be moved to May 9th at 7pm.

Potluck: There will be a potluck at the Murdocks' on May 21st.

Today's Scripture: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." **Mat. 2:1-2 (KJV)**

Today's Proverb: "He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person." **Pro.24:8 (KJV)** **Attendance Last Sunday: 75**

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Church of Christ AT WASILLA

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17
Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10AM
AM Worship 11AM
PM Worship 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7PM

COME JOIN US!

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

WHAT DID THE RESURRECTION MEAN FOR CHRIST?

Jesus did many marvelous signs and wonders while on the earth! The apostle John gave the following reason for writing his gospel: "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name." (John 20:30-31) These miracles were for the express purpose of proving conclusively that Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah, the Christ. But the greatest miracle of all, the one that gave vindication to all the other miracles, was the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This is the way the apostle Paul said it: "Concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Romans 1:3-4) His resurrection from the dead was the crowning and eternal proof that He is the Son of the Living God. By the resurrection He is alive; He lives! The cross, on which Jesus shed His precious blood for our sins, should always remain central in our minds. Yet, is there not a valid point in Michelangelo's indignant protest against his fellowpainters: "Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of the one ever-reiterated theme, of Christ in weakness, Christ upon the cross, Christ dying, and most of all Christ hanging dead? Why do you concentrate on that passing episode, as if that were the last word and the last scene, as if the curtain dropped upon that horror of disaster and defeat? At worst, all that lasted for only a few hours. But to the end of unending eternity Christ is alive; Christ rules and reigns and triumphs." In the same vein of thought, I have heard teachers of very young children say: "In teaching the story of Jesus, never leave Him hanging on the cross." What does the resurrection mean for Jesus? He is the Christ, the Son of God, and He lives!

GOD IS CALLING, BUT THE LINE IS BUSY

Jason Hilburn

God has a desire for all men to be saved, and He calls men to Him by the Gospel of Jesus Christ: "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:14). God only speaks to men today through the Holy Scriptures, but what if God were "calling us" via the telephone? When God calls us today:

- Are our lines busy? (Are we too busy for God?)
- Do we misuse Call Waiting? (Do we make God wait on hold while we are doing other things?)
- Do we often see "GOSPEL CALL" on the Caller ID, yet refuse to answer the call? (Do we sit idly through Gospel sermons when we know we need to answer the Gospel call?)
- Have we "stopped our ears," or turned the ringer off? (Do we no longer pay attention to sermons or Bible classes? Have we removed any possibility of hearing the Gospel call by refusing to attend worship services and study our Bibles?)
- Are we too busy talking to let God get a word in? (Are we more concerned about what we have to say to God in our prayers than what God has to say to us through His Word?)
- What if there were static on the line? Would we be willing to move to a better spot? (Are there areas of our lives that are separating us from God? Are we willing to leave those areas behind to be closer to God?)
- Would we dare hang up on God? (Knowing God's supreme authority and power, would we deliberately choose to defy Him and serve the enemy? Knowing God's abounding love for us, would we callously "hang up" on Him and reject the ultimate loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ?)
- What about when we call on God through prayer? What if His line were always busy? What if He would not take our calls, or what if He hung up on us? Of course God would never do those things to us because He loves us, and we should never do such things to Him!