

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Milk

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Natalee Owen has a fracture in her right wrist. Brandon, Vanessa, Josiah; Wayne and Cathy; Peggy Beebe.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham for fishing season.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program.

Today's Scripture: "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able." **1 Corinthians 3:2 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?" **Job 10:10 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 61: Our Record: 107
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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 sal-

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MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
 Bible Classes: 10AM
 AM Worship: 11AM
 PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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The Sincere Milk of the Word

Every living mammal is raised on milk. It is the first food that we consume and as such it is one of the most important foods that can be eaten. The first milk produced by the mothers contains colostrum which passes on their antibodies and protects their babies during the first few days after birth. New born Christians are no different. We need milk to allow us to grow and we especially need it when we are in our first few months of life as a Christian. In the passage known as the "Great Commission" Matthew writes "*Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*" **Matthew 28:16-20 (KJV)** So it is our mission to make new Christians who will need to be fed milk.

Peter encouraged us to desire milk, **1 Peter 2:1-3 (KJV)** "*Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*" When we are new Christians we need the milk in the word that will protect us and allow us to grow. Peter's admonition is that we actually **desire** this milk, and in so doing we will lay aside all the things that defined us prior to being born again. Then we will dive into the Word with a desire to learn like a newborn baby desires to nurse. The milk of the word has a function that works a lot like the colostrum in mothers milk. It passes along "antibodies", things that will allow us to resist the certain attacks of the Devil as he attempts to snuff out our new life in Christ. But what is the "milk" of the word and what separates it from the "meat" of the word?

The writer of the book of Hebrews, describes the milk of the word. **Hebrews 6:1-3 (KJV)** "*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.*" This foundation will give the young, new born Christian the strength to resist the devil as they grow and get a better and more in depth knowledge of the Word of God. In essence, these things are the milk of the word that will prepare the new born Christian for the meat as they continue to grow in knowledge and strength.

Lets look at this foundation, the milk, of the word as described by the writer of Hebrews a little more. First the new born Christian must understand the doctrine of repentance from dead works. Most of us understand, or think we do

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anyway, what repentance means. But here the Holy Spirit, through the inspired writer is making it clear what repentance means. Repentance from dead works necessarily means that we turn away from those things we did as non-Christians and that the world encourages us to do. But it also means that we turn to doing lively works, those works of the Christian; evangelizing, edifying, encouraging, studying and praying among others. Next is the doctrine of faith toward God. Every new Christian should understand what true faith is and that it is a working faith. James tells us this in James 2:14-26 and he is very clear in **James 2:20 (KJV)** where he makes this statement; "*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*" He then tells us that there is a foundational doctrine of baptisms. This is critical for the new Christian to understand. There is one baptism now. Paul makes this absolutely clear in **Ephesians 4:4-5 (KJV)** where he writes "*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism,*" Paul is making it clear that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is over. At the time of his writing and since then there has been only the one baptism, that of immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins and to be added to the church. See Acts 2:28 and Acts 22:16. Then comes the doctrine of laying on of hands, while this had more significance in the first century with the passing on of the miracles associated with the Holy Spirit, today its significance is that of acceptance and authorization to commence a work assigned by the Elders. But it is absolutely necessary that the new born Christian understands that the ability to perform miracles was passed on only by the laying on of the apostles hands and therefore there are none today (Acts 8:4-21). The next two doctrines mentioned in this passage are clearly the milk of the word and I would suggest are the colostrum in this milk strength to continue when everyone of our old friends are wanting us to go back to the old ways of our lives. When a new Christian understands that everyone will be raised from the dead and that they will face eternal judgement it is a strong inducement to remain a Christian. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and then Matthew 25:31-46.

Do you have a good foundation in Christianity or not? If not, heed the warning of Paul; **1 Corinthians 3:2 (KJV)** "*I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*" Now ask yourself if you are still in need of milk or are you ready for meat. If you still need milk study to gain spiritual strength and to insure that you can grow into a strong and vibrant Christian, ready to take on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18). And ready to begin producing new Christians.