

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Why Me?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Wayne and Cathy, Arnold, Abby St Clair, Terri Douthitt , Peggy Beebe needs our prayers. Pray for Herb and Jean Watson.

Joe Clapp Memorial: Monday November 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Anchorage church of Christ.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Cathy will be traveling for a month. Hans and Danesa are in Dillingham.

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

Women's Study: The next women's study will be Saturday November 23 at 1:00 PM at the Building

Evangelism: There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

Today's Scripture: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." **Revelation 4:11 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD." **Psalms 102:18 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 93/61: Our Record: 107
For more detail, please go to the web site.

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November 10th, 2019 BULLETIN for the

Church of Christ AT WASILLA

God's Plan of Salvation

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| 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..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

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| Bible Study: | 7PM |
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Why Me?

Have you ever wondered why we are here? And more specifically why you are here? Not here as in Alaska, but here as on Earth. When this question is put before an atheist the answer will likely be that we humans are here because of evolution. If you ask member of the Hopi Tribe who holds to their original religion you will be told that they came from the center of the Earth and met Maasaw, the creator and caretaker of the Earth. They made a deal with him to help care for the Earth if he would let them stay on the surface. Apaches have several origin myths, the most interesting one is that "Tepeu and Quetzalcoatl think everything into being. Essentially, their thoughts become reality, so they think everything from mountains to trees and the sky into reality. However, when they discovered these creations couldn't praise them, they made others out of clay and wood. When these beings caused havoc on the world, the gods sent a great flood to wipe them out and start over." (copied from the web site Native American Creation Myths, Uncovered and Explained). Of course if you ask a monotheist (a believer in one God), you will be told that God created humans. And this is what we believe.

But the question still remains, why are we here? Why did God create us to begin with? The answer to this question has interested humans throughout history. God certainly didn't need us, He existed in perfect love and unity before He decided to create us. He also knew that when He created us in His image, we would sin and cause Him untold sorrow. Humans, pursuing evil throughout their lives caused God to destroy the world with a flood. It was only through His grace and the righteousness of Noah and his family that human life on earth was preserved. God also knew that when He created us, it would condemn Jesus to a horrible death on the cross so that we could once again have the relationship with Him that He intended. And yet He still chose to create humanity. In **Revelation 4:11 (KJV)** John wrote; "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." So the Bible tells us that we were created for the pleasure of God. He is worthy of glory, honor and power. It is through our love and worship that we give him glory and honor. It is through His own nature that He has power.

While this answers the question of why God created man, it does not answer the question of why we are here. Why are we, each of us, here today? Looking back through my life there are numerous times that I should have died. Born with a heart defect, the doctors told my parents that I would not live more than two weeks. At two I wondered off and was missing for several hours, my parents lived by a river and they were afraid that I fell in and drowned. Then I contracted rheumatic fever. I survived one serious tractor accident and two vehicle accidents. After starting work I was threatened to be killed twice. I suspect that many, or maybe most of us, have similar stories to tell about our life and

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the journey that brought us here. So the question is why me and you? Why did we survive through all that we have and arrive here at this time?

Esther was a young Jewish girl who was brought to the Kings court and eventually became queen. Her story is told in the Old Testament book of Esther, one of only two books in the bible named for women. In her story, Haman, a ranking official in the Kings court became enraged at her uncle Mordecai when he would not bow down to him. **Esther 3:2 (KJV)** "And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence." Because of this, Haman developed a hatred for all Jews and began to plot a way to have them all destroyed. **Esther 3:5-6 (KJV)** "And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai." Haman convinced the king to order the destruction of all the Jews within his kingdom. When Mordecai learned of this, he went to Esther to ask that she intervein on the part of her people. What he asked her to do was almost certain death. **Esther 4:11 (KJV)** "All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days." When she balked to approach the King because she feared for her life, Mordecai told her; "Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" **Esther 4:13-14 (KJV).**

The question that Mordecai asked Esther; "Who knows whether you are in the kingdom for such a time as this?" can be asked of all of us. God created humans for his pleasure, to give Him glory and honor. We are all here for that reason, but we are specifically here for another reason. That is to take the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world. **Mark 16:15-16 (KJV)** "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Who knows you or I may be the only person that can convince lost and damned soul to become a Christian and claim the eternal life God has promised all who do so.