



*A Great Place To Grow in
Christ
For the Entire Family*

August 20, 2017

This Weeks Events

Today:

- 10:00AM: (Grange)—*Matthew Chapter 10*—Pastor
- 11:00AM: (Grange)—*It's HIGH TIME*—Pastor
- NOON: (Grange)—*ALOHA POTLUCK*—Dee Coale
- 6:00PM: (Grange)—*Advanced Bible: Temptation*—Pastor

Upcoming Events

September 3, 2017:

- 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—*Shut In Saints*—Matthew Coale

Hey Braddah! Today we be havin' an "Aloha Potluck." Won't ya stay and eats widda us? Da more the merrier, ya! And, we's likka gitta kno ya! No matta you bringa no eats. We gotts a plenty.



Children's Church and nursery services are available for every service.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.
-Chinese Proverb

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We Are The Lord's



Ron Coale

The Christian has a deep understanding of the meaning of this phrase found in Romans 14:8. Paul is telling the people that everything belongs to the Lord, even the unsaved atheist.

All things were created by Him; and for Him. Like it or not; believe it or not, you belong to God. You are either an obedient creature or you are a disobedient creature. You either accept your position as a created being of God's or you reject it. But, accepting or rejecting your position makes no difference to who owns you. We are all owned by God (Rev. 4:11).

The problem that God's creation faces is that they forget that God too, has a personality. And, having a personality, God also has an opinion that matters to Him. He places much more credibility upon His opinion than He does in the opinions of others. People often forget this. When they do, God becomes to them, an inanimate "force" that serves them when called upon. In other words, His reality diminishes and it becomes difficult to grasp His reality. They approach their ability to understand God by the reasoning of "What would God do if He were me?" Instead, they should turn that around and think, "What would I do if I were God?"

One of the greatest reasons that the unsaved world finds it difficult to accept God is because Christians barely live a life of His reality. Christians too have a difficult time of remembering God is a person, and as such, has personality traits, character and opinions as well.

They live in light of His unreality and therefore people see Christianity as a game, crutch, or any other such support system. Perhaps you have heard it said before in such phrases like: "walk the walk" or "talk the talk." In reality, when accused of such things, it is because you have forgotten that God is a person, with feelings, emotions and opinions just like you are. If you were made in His image, would this not reveal who He is, or what He is like?

Now, it makes no difference if you are a Jew or a Gentile, you belong to the Lord. It makes no difference if you accept Him or reject Him, you belong to the Lord. The dead in Hell belong to the Lord, just as living in heaven do. However, one group is pleasing to Him and the other is not. I am sure you have possessions that are very pleasing to you and others that you wish you never had. The pleasing possessions are a joy to be around. The unpleasing ones are a strain. If you could modify, help or reconfigure the unpleasing possessions to be acceptable, then you would get pleasure out of them.

So it is with God and the possessions that He has that are unpleasing to Him. If He could just get them to conform to something pleasing to Him, then they would be moved from the waste bin to the prize shelf.

If you want to live a joyous Christian life, always remember that God has an opinion. He is a person. And you belong to Him, no matter what. ~

NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in influence & membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1023.	Pastor	Regina's health and recovery.
1027.	Pastor	Sister Regina needs encouragement.
1030.	Machen	6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery.
1033.	Pastor	Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment.
1034.	Sally	Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke.
1035.	Pastor	Lori Sylvia- terminal
1037.	Don Tripp	His pastors healing from hashimoto's disease.
1038.	Machin	Ariel Marrero diagnosis for cause of pain.
1039.	Duane	Azriel's comfort/strength for undergoing chemo.
1041.	Kail	Friend in hospital with eye problem.
1042.	Pastor	Anna's surgery and healing.

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