

The Connection

13 NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



BY JERRY ASCHER

2 Corinthians 5:16 says, "Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer." I read this verse as part of an article that came across my desk this week, and it got me thinking about what Paul was talking about here. The context of the verse comes directly after he admonishes believers that they shouldn't be living their lives for themselves any longer, but should be living their lives for "Him who died for them and rose again" (v. 15). The first direction to which Paul turns after this is to point to the fundamental change our salvation should make on how you and I view other people. And for an example, he uses how we view Christ now as opposed to how we viewed Him before our salvation. If you recall, Jesus asked His disciples this very question in Matthew 16. "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" They answered that people viewed Jesus in many different ways. But Peter gave the right answer, an answer that could only have come from God. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



In the verse we started with, Paul makes the point that **if salvation has changed our view of Christ, shouldn't our view of those around us be changed, too?** Yet so often we find ourselves actually doing what James condemns when he says that we bless our God and Father with the same tongue that we curse our fellow man who has been made in the image of God, to which he strongly admonishes us, "My brethren, these things ought not to be so" (James 3:10)! This is very convicting, but do we sin when we look at others in any way other than as people who will spend eternity in one of two places, Heaven or Hell? We are so quick to lose this perspective when we come in contact with a person who irritates us for any number of reasons – from their political views, their perception of the corona virus, or just someone who has too many items in their cart when going through the express lane ahead of us. And so, my prayer for you and for me is that we will **allow the love of Christ to compel us to view others differently this week**, be they believers or unbelievers, and that we live as those for whom the old things have passed away and all things have become new (2 Cor. 5:17).

SUNDAY ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AVAILABLE:

9:30 AM

- **Church History: Forerunners of the Faith** (Room 207) Jerry Ascher
- **Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of the Living God** (Room 312) Sandi Stephens

11:00 AM

- **Young Couples' Fellowship Group** (Room 207) Will Breckenridge
- **The Epistles of John** (Room 312) Manuele Russo
- **Acts: The Birth of the Church** (Room 306) Bob Cook
- **College & Career Group** (Room 221) Jeff McConnell
- **Teen Fellowship Group** (Room 308) Anthony Neumann

Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am:

Ages 4-5 Room 209
Grades 1-2 Room 212
Grades 3-4 Room 211
Grades 5-6 Room 309

Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes are available for ages 2-3 for each service.

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- "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"
- PRAYER
- SCRIPTURE READING: 1 TIMOTHY 1
- "BLESSED REDEEMER"
- MINISTRY IN SONG
- "MY SOUL FINDS REST"
- "BLESSED ASSURANCE"
- SERMON: "PEACE FOR TROUBLED HEARTS" JOHN 13:31-14:11
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "IN CHRIST ALONE"
- PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING 6 PM

Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth

Lesson 10 *Progressive Sanctification: God's Work in You*

Workbooks are available at the information desk for \$10

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 13:31-14:11

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?

Highlights from the Hunter's Prayer Letter:

Please [click here](#) or the [tab below](#) to read their [entire letter](#).



HUNTER FAMILY IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Please pray for a continued open door in their community from contacts made through distributing groceries to the needy through the Rotary Club, which has opened up gospel conversations.
- Please pray for their children, Caleb, Jared, Megan and Noah.
- Please pray as they have restarted their Teen Boys Bible Study, Sunday meetings, and other Bible studies. One teen boy is interested in baptism, and others are asking questions.
- Janet has been struggling with an injury, a tear in one of the muscle/tendons in her ankle which developed into a ganglion cyst. She had surgery but the recovery is slow. She is still walking with crutches and using the wheelchair less and less.
- They are in desperate need of replacing their failing vehicle. They would like to purchase a vehicle that is large enough to transport people for ministries. If you would like to help them specifically with this need, [a link is provided](#).
- Visa renewal needs to be settled so they can return to North America for Caleb's wedding in July.
- The Ellman family, from their church group was in a tragic car accident. The mom, Charmaine, sustained many serious injuries and their 10 year old son William was killed. The Hunters and their church are grieving.

We learned on Wednesday that Herb Hunter has been diagnosed with Covid.

This Sunday evening after the service, there will be a financial update and 2021 budget presentation. The following Sunday evening, Nov 22, there will be a Q & A opportunity.

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