

The Mission of Jesus

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In the clearest of words, Jesus says in **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Also, in **Luke 19:10**, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

If these words are true, and I for one do believe they are, then why do so many remain unsaved, unprepared, and unready to face Jesus in The Judgment?

Again, I believe the answer is clear, "they love the things of this world more than what Christ is offering for the future."

In **1 John 2:16**, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Within "the pride of life," is men who do not desire anyone to give them any advice concerning how to live life properly. I remember that Frank Sinatra, along with Elvis Presley, sang with pride, "when all of life is over, I want people to know 'I did it my way.'" Makes one wonder what type of song they are presently singing.

Then again, we ask, did Jesus come and die such a horrible death for nothing? No! Not at all, for he knew that the whole of mankind would not receive him as their king and Saviour. He clearly says in **Matthew 7:13-14**, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." ¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

So, we again clearly see that we are not going to

somehow accidentally stumble into our Lord's number. Clearly, the path to Heaven has to be sought after and the map is plainly given in the Holy Scriptures. **John 5:39**, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." **Matthew 7:7-8** says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." ⁸For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

So again, the Scriptures are God's road map to his Eternal Heaven. Now, I ask, do you ever examine this map? Or, have you ever considered looking at it. It is important that you do so, because one day you will arrive as all of earth destroys. **Hebrews 9:27-28** says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: ²⁸So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Mankind are all on a journey, either to Hell or Eternal Life, and it will depend upon whether you have followed the right directions to get there, or you may be one that will imitate the two former entertainers who sang, "I did it my way." This, my Friend, is not good advice, for Jesus came for the very purpose of giving us Life Eternal. And in **John 14:6**, it is already prepared for its people. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Will you be an heir of any of its rooms or will you be rejected for its inhabitations? You make the choice!

Come and hear our meetings this next Lord's day. Listen, learn, and obey; then make preparations to hear the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

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Kitchen Diva Great Pumpkin

by **ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS**

I know that fall and harvest time are finally here when the colors in the produce section are dominated by warm yellows, dark vibrant greens and rich orange pumpkin colors. Pumpkins are the ambassadors of autumn, ushering in the holiday season and the promise of cooler days and nights.

The pumpkin plant originated in Central America and was introduced to the Pilgrims by the American Indians. Pumpkins provide a hefty source of vitamin A, as well as one of the tastiest forms of good-for-you fiber. The gorgeous orange color is an indicator of beta carotene, also found in carrots, beets and sweet potatoes. Pumpkin seeds are rich in protein, minerals and fiber. The seeds also have a rich, buttery taste that lends itself well to pestos, salad toppings or as a healthy snack.

I like using pumpkin to update traditional recipes, like this modern version of Beef and Pumpkin Stew. If you're having a busy week, you can make this crowd-pleasing stew the night before in a slow cooker. Time in the refrigerator allows the spices to infuse the dish and the flavors to deepen. Reheat it as needed, and serve the next day with a flavorful Kale and Brussels Sprouts Salad and a crusty loaf of warm bread. It's a wonderful way to welcome fall!



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BEEF AND PUMPKIN STEW

- 2 tablespoons olive or canola oil
- 1 beef top round steak (1 1/2 pounds), cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups cubed peeled pie pumpkin (such as a Jarrahdale, Blue Hubbard or sugar pumpkin)
- 3 small red potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup (1 medium-large) peeled and cubed sweet potato
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) reduced-sodium beef broth
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced or crushed tomatoes (fire roasted or with bell peppers, if available), undrained
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg or allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season beef with 1 teaspoon each of the salt and black pepper, and the chili powder. Brown the beef in batches to prevent overcrowding the skillet and steaming rather than browning the meat. Remove the beef with a slotted spoon and place in the bowl of a 4- or 5-quart slow cooker.

2. Add the tomato paste to the skillet and cook 1 minute, scraping up the brown bits left by the meat in the pan. Add the pumpkin, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onion and garlic to the skillet, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes.

3. Stir in the broth, tomatoes, bay leaves, steak sauce, Worcestershire sauce, the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper, the nutmeg or allspice and the cayenne pepper. Pour the pumpkin mixture over the beef in the slow cooker and stir to combine ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours, or until meat is tender. Uncover and cook on high for 30 minutes to reduce and thicken sauce. Serves 6.

KALE AND BRUSSELS SPROUTS SALAD

This delicious salad is a wonderful side dish to serve with the Beef and Pumpkin Stew. To toast the almonds before chopping them, place in a small, heavy bottom pan over medium-high heat. Stir the almonds occasionally for 2-3 minutes until they turn golden brown and have a nutty aroma. They make a nutritious and crunchy topping for this salad.

- 1 bunch kale (1 pound), thinly sliced
- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, finely shredded using a mandolin or sharp knife
- 1/4 cup almonds, toasted and chopped
- 3/4 cup Pecorino, Parmesan or Romano cheese, finely grated

For dressing:

- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice or apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 small clove garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

1. Combine the lemon juice, mustard, garlic, salt and pepper in a medium bowl or the bowl of a food processor, and mix well. Add in the olive oil, whisking or processing until combined.

2. Mix the sliced kale and 1/4 cup of the dressing together, squeezing and massaging the kale to coat it with the dressing. Add the shaved Brussels sprouts, almonds and cheese. Pour the remaining dressing over the top, and toss the salad until all ingredients are distributed throughout. Serves 6.

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Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 4-6 & Sun., Oct 8

SI Christian Revival & Homecoming

South Irvine Christian Church, 19 Lincoln Avenue, South Irvine, will be having its fall revival Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, October 4-6, starting at 7:00 p.m., followed by homecoming on Sunday, October 8.

There will be special singing each service with Bro. Glendon Mays on Thursday,

Bro. Dale Borders on Friday and Glory Road on Friday.

Homecoming on Sunday will feature special music by Johnetta Whalen. A potluck dinner will follow morning service.

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Bro. John McCord is the pastor.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 6-8

New Life Apostolic Anniversary

New Life Apostolic Church, 2502 Richmond Road, will be celebrating 23 years of service this coming weekend, October 6-8, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 6:00 p.m., and Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker for weekend services will be Rev. David Wilkerson.

Come, celebrate and worship with us. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Ross Conley is the pastor.

Saturday, October 7th @ 6pm

Pine Hill Gospel Singing

Pine Hill Baptist Church will be having a Gospel Singing this coming Saturday, October 7, 2017, starting at 6:00

p.m. Featured singers will be The Smith Sisters.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

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The Psalmist wrote: "Glorious things are said of You!"

John Newton once was a slave trader. After becoming a Christian he became a powerful preacher, a leader in the fight against slavery and a famous hymn writer.

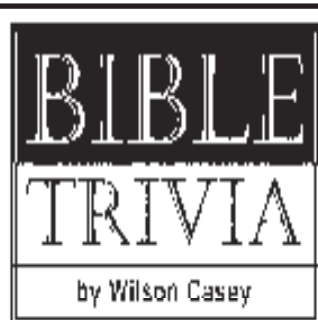
One of his hymns contains the Glorious Things! "He whose Word cannot be broken" reminds us of the faithfulness of God - a centerpiece of the Psalms. In psalm after psalm we hear the echo of God's faithfulness giving strength, hope and encouragement to the children of Israel. Though they often abandoned God and at times paid a dear price for forsaking Him, He was there each time they called on Him and immediately answered their cry.

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"Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove." There never was a time in their history that God did not feed them, go before them or watch over them. When they looked to Him for forgiveness, and repented of their sinful ways, His mercy met them at their point of need and His blessings followed. He was with them to meet their needs, remove their fear and grant them the desires of their heart.

"Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, Never fails from age to age." If there ever was a time in the history of our nation that we needed to be reminded that God's grace would "never fail" it is now. Everywhere we look, we see a need for His love, mercy, grace, salvation and our nation's restoration. It is not His glory that has vanished - it is our unwillingness to share His grace with others.

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1. IS THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Whose first chapter begins, "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month?" Ezra, Ezekiel, Micah, Malachi
3. From Exodus 10, what was blown out of Egypt by a strong west

wind? Rivers, Locusts, Sinners, Nightness

4. In 1 Chronicles, who killed a 7 1/2-foot-tall Egyptian giant? Beniah, Gideon, Jannes, Baruch
5. From Genesis 28, what city was site of Jacob's famous dream? Lachish, Perga, Haran, Bethel

6. In Colossians 4, what city was home to Philemon? Berea, Shechem, Beersheba, Colossae

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JOHN 1:14

The **Word** became **flesh** and **made** his **dwelling** among us. We have **seen** his glory, the **glory** of the **one** and **only** Son, who **came** from the **Father**, full of **grace** and **truth**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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