

CANS –

O Come Let Us Adore, Him – Hebrews 12:18-29

1) There Are Three Things We Need to Survive:

_____, _____ and _____.

2) Writers of Scripture often break out in _____ of _____ and _____.

What we learn from the Bible about Praise and Adoration.

I. God's People have always expressed their _____ and _____ to Him.

- OT – When the Ark of the Covenant _____ to Jerusalem
 - 1 Chronicles 16:23-31
 - James 5:13
- NT – Our _____ through the _____ of God
 - Revelation 5:8-14

II. God's people have a _____ for connection with God.

- Psalms 42:1-4

III. God's People discover faithfulness flows from a heart of Praise

- Acceptably Worship is accompanied with _____ and _____.
 - Hebrews 12:18-25
 - Hebrews 13:15 = _____ of _____.
- Praise to God is not _____, but _____.

Adoration is Our _____.



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

The Essential Church

The decline is obvious, whether it is close to home or given number of congregations one might choose to visit throughout this nation. Additionally, we have seen the demographics continue to migrate from a mixture of old and young believers to a gradual graying as estimates of 70 – 80% of all 16 to 27 year olds steadily walk away from the church. The exodus isn't to other churches of Christ, nor is it to the denominations that surround us. No, those who are leaving no longer see the need to attend a "formal" gathering to worship God. "Church is not essential to their lives." What is the significance of the church being "essential"? Consider the instructions of Paul to the church at Corinth who was dealing with sexual immorality in their fellowship.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5...It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this? For my part, even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this way, I have already passed judgment in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

Paul's instruction was to "hand this man over to Satan" in an effort to save him. The second letter Paul writes to the church of Corinth indicates the effectiveness of this action.

2 Corinthians 2:5-10 - If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us; for we are not unaware of his schemes.

Why was the action of the church effective in restoring this man? Their action had the desired effect because the church to him was "essential". The church had become such a vital part of his life that neglecting the fellowship of believers (whether by his choice or that of the church) was not a painless option. When we help others to understand and discover the church as "essential" their response will be the same as this man, a desire to fellowship.

By Don Russell

Sermon Summaries

Morning *O, Come Let Us Adore Him – Hebrews 12:18-29*

What do you need to be happy today? Is the answer the same for the question, what do you want to be happy? We all have our list of what we think we need to be happy. Often times it looks like a list of wants. For some, it is an ambitious list. And no wonder they don't have time for the things of God in their lives. There is one thing we need more than anything else; we need something worthy to Adore.

Evening *Life of Joseph – The Art of Delayed Gratification – Genesis 39:19-23*

Joseph had several "setbacks" in his early life. God was active in his life and Joseph must have known that. The dreams, perhaps led him to believe that God had something planned for his life, but sitting in prison, it didn't seem like not was the time of fulfillment. So, what does a person of faith do? He has learned the art of delayed gratification. He knew God would fulfill His promises. Just not yet.

Beyond the Plateau

In Wyoming, there are a number of plateaus. Their images cut clearly against the sky. As the light hits the plateau throughout the day, the strata display a variety of appealing red, orange, brown, and grey tones, and a lazy shadow plod along at the side. In truth, not all plateaus have this distinct desert look. Some of the world's plateaus are covered over in vegetation, some are underwater, and there can be quite a variation in sizes. To understand how big a plateau can be, it is said the state of Wyoming itself is a large plateau broken up by mountain ranges. Plateaus are created and shaped by wind, rain, movement of the earth's crust, and even lava flows.

There is another meaning for the term plateau which is taken from the geologic feature. The term plateau can mean a point where growth, increase, or improvement has leveled off. For Christians, this is not a beautiful thing. They are called to continual growth.

2 Peter 3:18 – But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

That growth comes from knowing and following the Word of God. When spiritual growth occurs, plateaus are left and a grand peak is climbed.

1 Peter 1:1-2 – Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation;

Rather than geologic forces shaping the Christian life, humanity tries to shape it into a plateau. It tries to make the Christian like everyone else. It encourages his media choices. It suggests or tries to enforce worldly standards of morality. It offers many types of gods. If successful, these influences will not only cause a plateau in the life of a Christian, but they will erode it away into nothingness.

Matthew 7:24-27 – Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

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Things to Know

Ladies Retreat

CANCELED Mt Vernon will not be hosting the Ladies Retreat.

Men's Retreat

Sept 17th & 18th. Flyers on back table.

POTLUCK

August 15th after morning worship. It will be an indoor picnic. Sandwiches, chips, etc. Bring your favorite picnic food and plenty to share. Questions see Maxine Dillahunty

Calendars

August birthday and anniversary calendars on the back table.

Welcome New Members

Timothy, Jessica & Jillian Brothers placed membership with Mt Vernon last week. Welcome them to the family.

They are in the digital directory. You can add them to your paper directory.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Troy & Barbara Trammell are traveling to Alabama to see Barbara's sister Sue who has stage 4 brain cancer. They will be gone for 2 weeks, please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.

Troy Kenner (Glenn Kenner's son) diagnosis with COVID.

Michael Cottabarren (Lucy's son) diagnosis with COVID

Patti Brunner's son Dave passed away suddenly, please keep the family in your prayers

George & Gwen Lira (father & daughter) Gwen been attending since September 2019. George trying to recover from life threatening car accident. Will be discharged from hospital soon; Gwen needs guidance from God to make the best decisions for her dad and for herself.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Tracy Schoen (Marcia & Jesse Serrano's daughter)** recovering from COVID side effects.

~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker** many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** kidney and lung cancer.

~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miler's niece)** cancer treatment.

~ **Bob Justice** continued healing

~ **Sean Steward (friend of Barry & Millie Redden)** extreme side effects of COVID

~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.

~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law)** cancer treatment

~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Betty McInnes (Syble Mann's mother) in Circle of Life Alzheimer's Home.

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
Suspended until Sept 15 th	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	60
AM Worship	100
PM Worship	30

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$3615