

The Vine

I am the vine; you are the branches...John 15:5

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THE UNIQUENESS OF JESUS CHRIST

The most unique individual who ever lived is Jesus of Nazareth. No other man ever lived the life He lived among mortals. He is the unique of all that is unique. The best word that marks His life is perfection. Every word, every thought, and every act of His was flawless. Only those who look at Him as just an ordinary man would deny these premises.

His uniqueness was not limited to His human perfection. He left the glorious eternal abode of God, taking the form of a servant, was found in fashion as a man (Phil. 2:6-8). As a man His every thought, word and deed was flawless. On this earth He shared the experiences of humanity (Heb. 2:14). While tempted in all points like others, Jesus is unique in that He alone could truthfully say, "the prince of the world (Satan) comes and he has nothing in me" (John 14:30).

More than being a perfect human being, Jesus is also deity. Deity is ever deity, complete and undiminished. The world into which Jesus came was His own creation. It was through the Son the worlds were made (Heb. 1:2). He created and holds all things in the universe together (vs. 3). He was able to take nothing and create the intricate and immense universe (Heb. 11:3).

Some view Jesus as a man who was in some sense deity, but void of any divine powers. We are told Jesus grew physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually just as a normal human being. He had to learn facts like others and sometimes indicated ignorance. I wonder, if someone had asked of Jesus, "How many planets are there in the universe?" would He have had the ability to give an accurate answer? When He told His disciples of the many mansions in His father's house, was He speaking from personal knowledge, what He had learned or was it revealed to Him through the Holy Spirit?

The Savior once prayed that the glory He had prior to His advent to earth would be restored (John 17:5). Does this not tell us He knew from personal experience? It is said of Him "The one who comes from heaven is above all, He testifies what He has seen and heard" (John 3:31-32). There was nothing ordinary about Jesus other than His physical appearance. He the unique of all that is unique.

Do you believe He is what the Bible says He is? Your entire hope of salvation from past sins, translation into His kingdom, and your ultimate salvation depends on it. "If you do not believe that I am, you will indeed die in your sins" (John 8:24). Believe Him and obey Him and be saved.

Resurrection Quotes

According to the laws of legal evidence used in courts of law, there is more evidence for the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ than for just about any other event in history. ~ Harvard Law Professor Dr. Simon Greenleaf

There is more evidence that Jesus rose from the dead than there is that Julius Caesar ever lived or that Alexander the Great died at the age of thirty-three. ~ Billy Graham

During the first 13 centuries after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, no one thought of setting up a crèche to celebrate Christmas. The pre-eminent Christian holiday was Easter, not Christmas. ~ Nancy Pearcey

But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust. ~ Walter Raleigh

There is not room for Death,
Nor atom that his might could render void:
Thou - Thou art Being and Breath,
And what Thou art may never be destroyed.
~Emily Bronte

We live and die; Christ died and lived!
~John Stott

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining- they just shine. ~ Dwight L. Moody

All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, hell afraid of it, while men are the only ones to ignore its meaning. ~ Oswald Chambers

Love always involves responsibility, and love always involves sacrifice. And we do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and to take up His Cross. ~ William Barclay

“And now brothers, I will ask you a terrible question, and God knows I ask it also of myself. Is the truth beyond all truths, beyond the stars, just this: that to live without him is

the real death, that to die with him the only life?” ~ Frederick Buechner

“If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him.” ~ A.W. Tozer

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.' ~ Billy Graham

Life is worth the living just because He lives.
~ Bill and Gloria Gaither

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive He's alive. ~ Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose He arose
Hallelujah Christ arose. ~ Robert Lowry

...“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ~ An Angel (Luke 24:5-7)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... ~ The Apostle Peter (1 Peter 1:3)

Mike

Recipe Swap

CHEESY CHICKEN SUBS

12 oz. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips
1 envelope Parmesan Italian or Caesar salad dressing mix
1 c. sliced fresh mushrooms
½ c. sliced red onion
¼ c. olive or vegetable oil
4 submarine sandwich rolls, split and toasted
4 slices Swiss cheese

Place chicken in a bowl; sprinkle with salad dressing mix. In a skillet, sauté mushrooms and onion in oil for 3 minutes. Add chicken; sauté for 6 minutes or until juices run clear. Spoon mixture onto roll bottoms; top with cheese. Broil 4 inches from the heat for 4 minutes or until cheese is melted. Replace tops.

Christy Arnold

PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SOLDIERS: Curtis Mitchell, Brandon Miller, Ryan Myers, Luke Cummings, Greg Morales, Ryan Kirby, Zach Stiffler, Josh Lackey, Dan Cook, Rick Heuertz, Steve Heinen, Ammin Spencer, Gates Kobuszewski, Leslie Bolz, Steve Grove, Austin Everhart, Noe Garza, Brandon Hammons, Ruth Churchill

COPIES OF THE SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON CD UPON REQUEST: If you would like a copy please see Mike. You can also listen to them online at www.valleyfallsc.org.

POCKET CHANGE FOR PROGRESS: This will be a special offering every 3rd Sunday during church. The money will be split between Mission Lake Camp and the School Supply Giveaway Fund

RECYCLING: We have a recycling box beside the copier in the office.

COLLECTING FOR ALPHA: Alpha Christian Children's Home can use Campbell soup UPC labels and lids, Best Choice UPC labels and General Mills Box Top Symbols coupons (Box Tops for Education.) We will have a box in the hallway outside the nursery under the mailboxes.

SISTERS OF STRENGTH (S.O.S.)-

(Mission Statement: We are a lifeline to glorify God through service to the church and community and to build personal relationships with our Christian Sisters.) We will be meeting on April 12th at 9:00 AM.

SUNRISE SERVICE: The Easter Service will be at 8:00 AM followed by breakfast at 8:30 AM. You can volunteer help or food. There will be Sunday School at 9:00 AM for children only while the adults clean up from breakfast. Church will be at 10:00 AM.

Serving in APRIL

Congregational Prayer:

Clint Thomas

Scripture Readers:

6- Farr-1 John 4:11-21

13- Starkey- 1 John 5:1-5

20- Jarret Mitchell- Acts 2:22-32

27- Tichenor- 1 John 5:6-13

Nursery:

6-Debbie Gerstner/Nic

13-Linda Durand/Jackson

20-Glee Hosler/Jarret

27-Nancy Gatzmeyer/Caitlyn

Greeters/Ushers:

6- Farr

13- Starkey

20- Durand

27- Tichenor

Lord's Supper Preparation:

6- Farr

13- Starkey

20- Durand

27- Tichenor

Communion Table:

6-Stan, Jay

Dennis Turner, Andy Arnold

13- Jay, Stan

David Grove, Matt Branam

20- Stan, Jay

Steve Carson, Ben Trotter

27- Jay, Stan

Dennis Tichenor, Kevin Gatzmeyer

Musicians

Worship Leader: Erin Thomas

Organ: Leah Brown

Piano: Donetta Farr

Guitar: Mike Kirby, Clint Thomas

Mandolin: Erin Thomas

Church Offerings

Feb. 23-\$937.00

Mar. 2-\$1162.00

Mar. 9-\$4300.00

Mar. 16-\$1381.00

Mar. 23-\$1357.00

Our expenses average \$1500 a week.

Valley Falls Christian Church has a website!!

www.valleyfallsc.org

MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be men's breakfast on April 12th. Steve Carson will be cooking.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Betty Smith

6 Joan Phillips

7 Andrew Turner

9 KatyRae Branam

10 Jordan Welborn

11 Debbie Gerstner

Jody (Turner) Munson

Janet Kirk

20 Tom Harris

22 Erin Thomas

Tyler Dedeke

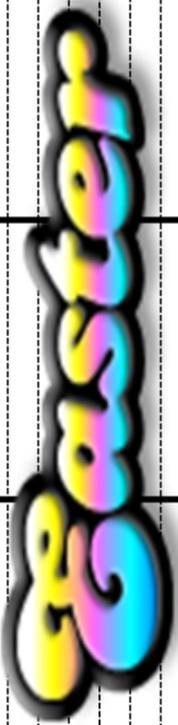
Gary Meyer

26 Brenda Billings

29 Stan Farr

30 Steve Carson

(Names in CAPS in Mission Field)

2014		April			2014	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 			2 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders	3	4	5
6 2:00 PM Service at Midland	7	8	9 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study	10	11	12 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM SOS Mowing at camp
13  Palm Sunday 5:00 PM Youth Group	14	15	16 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Elders	17	18	19
20  8:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:30 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM Pocket Change for Progress	21	22	23 6:15 PM Worship Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study	24	25 women's retreat	26 
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Mike Kirby, Pastor

You are welcome to join us!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service times:

Bible Study (all ages) – 9:00 AM
Worship – 10:00 AM
Youth Group – 5:00 PM

Midweek Bible Study:

Wednesday 7:00 PM

MISSION LAKE CAMP NEWS

Here are some important dates for Mission Lake Camp and Valley Falls Christian Church.

Mowing Dates: Dates that our church is responsible for mowing at the camp.

April 12, June 21, August 23

Kitchen Help Dates: Dates that we send help to assist the cook in serving lunch and preparing supper.

June 11, July 7

Camp Dates:

April 25-26: Women's Retreat

May 4: Church pre-registration day for June camps

June 7: Spit and polish day at camp

June 8-13: Sr. High Camp- grades 9-12

June 15-20: Jr. High Camp-grades 6-8

June 21: Day Camp- grades 1-2

June 22-26: Junior Camp- grades 3-5

July 6-11: Deeper Life Camp- grades 7-12

July 24-26: Worship Forum- 9th grade thru adult