



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Ponderings

A Glorious Jealousy

"For you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God" Exodus 34:14.

The Lord Almighty is jealous. That can be a striking and uncomfortable statement to us. Jealousy is a bad thing, is it not? And yet God not only declares Himself jealous, but He also reveals "Jealous" to be one of His names. This isn't an isolated verse, either; there are several instances in Scripture where the Lord calls Himself a jealous God.

While Moses was on Mount Sinai, Israel committed idolatry with the golden calf. They created a false god shortly after Yahweh had miraculously and gloriously delivered them out of bondage from Egypt. As He renewed His covenant with them in Exodus 34, God reminded them that worship belongs to Him alone because He alone is worthy. This jealousy is not some petty envy or insecurity of fallen humanity; this is a burning and holy zeal for His name. It is a protective guarding of that which is of infinite value: His glory.

"I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other" (Isaiah 42:8).

In *The Nature of True Virtue* Jonathan Edwards wrote, "For as God is infinitely the greatest Being, so he is allowed to be infinitely the most beautiful and excellent: and all the beauty to be found throughout the whole creation, is but the reflection of the diffused beams of that Being who hath an infinite fullness of brightness and glory." (We would do well to allow this truth to saturate our souls.)

Since the Lord alone possesses infinite worth and glory, it would be wrong for Him to permit His creatures to give His honor to another. If He is the source of all that is, the Being above all beings, then His demand for worship is good and right and true.

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This beauty, this glory that God guards so jealously shines most brightly in the face of Jesus Christ.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Speaking of the Son, the author of Hebrews proclaims, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power” (Hebrews 1:3).

The Father’s jealousy for His glory is inseparable from His zeal for His Son.

This jealousy became a mercy to us in that, for a fallen, sinful world to behold what God treasures above all things, He had to sacrifice Himself that we might know Him and have new life. When He saves us, the blurry darkness is gone, and our eyes are enlightened to finally see. We can, through Christ, remove the sinful idols in our hearts and enjoy communion with Him, truly fulfilling Exodus 34.

May we not be satisfied with lesser things. Let us treasure Christ above all things and behold His beauty. All glory and honor to the Lamb of God!

Brian Gates



welcome

If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. In addition, you’re invited to join us for our meal after service. We would love to meet you and get to know and for you to get to know us more.

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This Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. I Praise You God
2. Once For All
3. Here is Love
4. Lord I Need You
5. What Love My God

This Week's Schedule of Events

Thurs	Men's Bible Study- 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study- 10:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study-Noon
Thurs	GriefShare- 6:30 pm
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study- 6:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study- 6:30 pm

Meal Teams

Aug. 9 No Meal

Aug. 16 Meal Team 3 - Italian

*Contact Barbara Judkins if interested
in being on a meal team or a helper.*

Fellowship Tip for August

As we celebrate Baptisms this month and having heard many public confessions of faith in Christ, consider the ongoing call of God for all believers to be active in sharing their faith by making it a practice to publically testify and celebrate the saving power of Christ in the Gospel and His sanctifying work of the Spirit in our lives.

August Memory Verse

"I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ." - Philemon 1:4-6

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Announcements

Immerse: Wednesday evening Immerse study is coming around the corner. This is a midweek gathering of the saints young and old to explore the depth and riches of God's grace towards us in Christ Jesus our Savior. Gathering Wednesday evening from 6:15 - 7:30 pm. Stay tuned for more details!

Reminder: Building and Grounds team meeting today after service, 11:45 in the large classroom.



New Life Christian Community has a secure online community designed to engage the body of Christ in between Sundays. If you would like to be part of this online community, consider joining by downloading our app or through a link posted at the top on our website. Feel free to ask any of the Elders for help.

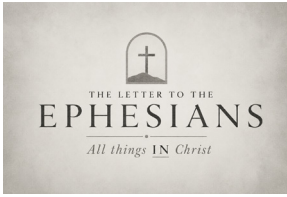
Meal Team Ministry

Are you looking for a way to use your talents or time to serve God?

Consider joining a Sunday Meal Team. If interested, please, Contact: Barbie Judkins (309) 269-0556, Barb Manship (612) 804-9793 or Rosie Swisher (763) 458-1261



Today's Passage



Elder Sam will be teaching from
the book of Ephesians.
Our passage for today is Ephesians 1:1-2.

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