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Next Parish Council Meeting

Sep. 29, 6:30 p.m.



In Word – Impartiality

Most of us have probably never thought about partiality as being sinful. We set impartiality as a mark to which we aspire, in certain instances. Yet, it is more than an aspiration, it is a consistent requirement. Impartial judgment is an integral aspect of credibility. Our credibility as Christians is at stake when we render biased judgments.

But we are called by God to judge people based on their inward character, not their outward appearance. Our character is displayed by our behavior—our actions show people what kind of person we really are. Our usual misreading of Jesus' statement regarding judging others in Matthew 7:1 (*Do not judge, so that you will not be judged*), leaves out his admonitions about sinful behavior, and our requirement to judge others' behavior. His reference to the speck in your brother's eye versus the beam in your own, relates to not being hypocritical in our judgements (it's wrong for **you** to do this, but OK if **I** do it).

Our judgments should not be based on the materialistic perspectives that the rest of the world values so highly.

My brothers, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with partiality. ² For if someone enters into your assembly in fine clothing with a gold ring on his finger, and a poor

person in filthy clothing also enters, ³ and you look favorably on the one wearing the fine clothing and you say, “Be seated here in a good place,” and to the poor person you say, “You stand or be seated there by my footstool,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? — James 2:1–4 (LEB)

Some years back, when I was in the Navy stationed on board an aircraft carrier, a young petty officer (very junior enlisted Sailor) was sad over the recent death of his grandmother. He spoke with the priest (a fairly senior ranking Navy chaplain) about it right before the Mass started that Sunday morning, and the priest promised to dedicate that Mass to the young man’s grandmother. This brought some comfort to the Sailor, and he gathered with the rest of the Sailors who were arriving.

Just as the priest was about to start the service, the door opened, and our admiral entered. Everyone stood at attention, but he had them all relax. The priest asked the admiral to take one of the seats in front of the congregation and welcomed him to the Mass, telling the Sailors how blessed they were to be graced by the presence of our wonderful and wise admiral. He then told the admiral that he was dedicating that Mass to him. The young petty officer whose grandmother had died burst into tears and ran out of the room. As far as I know, he never returned to Mass on that ship.

When I heard about that incident, I almost puked.

It wasn’t the admiral’s fault; he didn’t know anything about the priest’s promise to that Sailor. It was that Navy commander’s decision to kiss his boss’ butt instead of

honoring the promise he made to a Sailor who could do nothing to further his career. I had never known such a visceral, real life enactment of a biblical concept before. The Bible came alive for me that day in a way that tore my heart out.

James’ letter is the practical result of the theoretical training provided in the rest of the Bible. James describes the consequence — the behavior we can see — of authentic regeneration in Christ versus counterfeit discipleship.

Listen, my dear brothers! Did not God choose the poor of the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor! Are not the rich exploiting you and they themselves dragging you into the courts? ⁷ Do they themselves not blaspheme the good name of the one to whom you belong? ⁸ However, if you carry out the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and thus are convicted by the law as transgressors. — James 2:5–9

James also points out that the law only shows us where we’ve gone wrong, that we’re not saved by it. Because we have violated some part of it — no one has ever kept the law except he who created it. It’s like being in a boat that gets a hole in it. The boat will take on water and sink regardless of how big or where the hole is.

For whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point only has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For the one who

said “Do not commit adultery” also said “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² Thus speak and thus act as those who are going to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is merciless to the one who has not practiced mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. — James 2:10–13

We must be merciful to others if we expect mercy from God. James again gives us some concrete behavioral examples. It’s not a full list, but rather a few instances of mercy in action (or lack thereof), from which we can gauge whether we are following God’s will or our own.

What is the benefit, my brothers, if someone says that he has faith but does not have works? That faith is not able to save him, is it? ¹⁵ If a brother or a sister is poorly clothed and lacking food for the day, ¹⁶ and one of you should say to them, “Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,” but does not give them what is necessary for the body, what is the benefit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself. — James 2:10–17

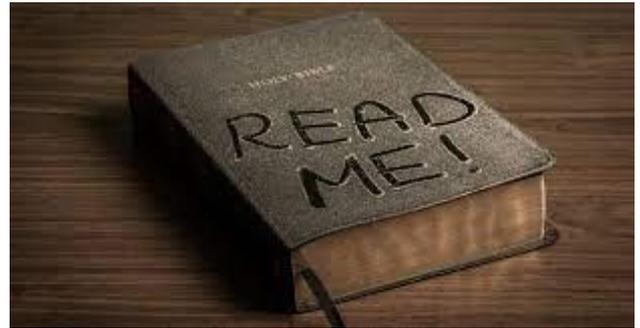
Faith that doesn’t change our behavior is just an intellectual exercise. It is meant to be an all-encompassing hope in the truth of Christ’s offer of salvation to us, similar to the faith a skydiver has in his parachute opening.

Faith must result in good works in order for Jesus’ statements in Matthew 7:16, 20 to be accurate: *You will recognize them by their fruit.*

May you each have fully fruitful lives.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



Arizona Anglican Men’s Retreat

This year’s retreat will be at Emmanuel Pine Retreat Center in Prescott, Sept 10-12. The anticipated cost will be \$95 for the weekend and a few scholarships for people with hardships will be available. The retreat begins at 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10 and continues until about noon Sunday. For more information, please contact Jeff Bisgrove (jeffmbisgrove@me.com, 602-653-9996) or Teke Sankey (Tekes2@hotmail.com, 303-884-3651).



Season after Pentecost Sunday’s Lessons

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm: 146

2nd Reading: James 2:1-17

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37



Please note:
The deadline for newsletter submission is 9 a.m. Wednesday. Thank you.



Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Steve Warner, Dale, Scotty Haskell, Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Lauren, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy,, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kim Henehan, Kathy Watson, Jim and Wendy Music, Steve Warner, Maureen Light, Tim Harris, Lety, Bryan, and Linda.

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CTR Prayer Project

Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John. — Acts 18:24-25

I've been a Christian for nearly 79 years, but I don't consider myself eloquent, fervent in spirit, and mighty in the Scriptures. I've been teaching Bible Study for over 30 years, and I believe I am teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, but I am still learning, still studying, still researching. Luke is describing a man who had been instructed in the way of the Lord, but when

he began speaking in the synagogue, Priscilla and Aquila heard him, and took him aside and explained "the way" more accurately. Prior to his encounter with Priscilla and Aquila, he had only come to understand the Messiah's teachings concerning repentance. He knew nothing of what Christ had accomplished through His death and resurrection. If someone were to ask you to explain your Christian faith, how comfortable would you be? I have many gals in my Bible Study Groups who aren't even comfortable praying out loud. I have one gal in my Bible Study who, upon hearing any concept from God's Word, can immediately quote a Scripture reference pertaining to it. I have several gals in my classes who have taught the various levels of Sunday School, so are familiar with the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus, but aren't big on the story behind the stories. They haven't been able to wrap up how the Old Testament fits in with the New, how Christ's resurrection was just the beginning of His Church, and how "the way" pertains not only to our means for entering heaven, but also our way of life as Christians. With fewer and fewer Americans considering themselves Christians, and with more and more foreigners entering our country, we simply must be prepared to explain our faith to those who have none. But how do we go about this? Notice what the passage in Acts says about Apollos. It tells us he was mighty in Scriptures. This is the key. I don't know of any Christian who doesn't own a Bible, but I know many Christians who have never participated in a Bible Study Group before. I also know many who have tried reading the Bible, but put it back on the shelf, because once they got to the "begats," they gave up reading it. I've often told my students that they should begin by reading the New Testament, because if they have ever attended Sunday School or even worship services, they are a little familiar with the events in Christ's life. Then, when you have become familiar with Christ's life and ministry, and what took place after the birth of the Church, go back to the Old Testament, and see how God began with a relationship with one family, and how He used His relationship with that one family to reveal Himself to mankind. The very same mistakes made by that family in the Old Testament are the very same ones made by humanity today. And God tells us THE WAY to avoid those mistakes in the future. The more we

read our Bibles, the better we will understand THE WAY God intends for us to journey forward.

Praying in One Accord God has gone to great length to show us THE WAY. When we are in one accord with His teachings in both the Old and New Testament, we are well on our way to understanding His plan for our lives.

Accord Prayer Lord Christ, You are as present in the Old Testament as You are in the New. Help us call on Your Holy Spirit to have Him show us the way through the entire Bible. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son to save us and Your Spirit to guide and counsel us, as we attempt to walk in Your way, through this life and into the next. Amen.



Mark Your CALENDAR

Sunday, Sep 5
11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, Sep 7
6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Matthew)

Wednesday, Sep 8
2 p.m. Bible Study (1 Peter)
5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, Sep 12
11:30 a.m. Worship Service



A Syrophenician Woman's Great Faith (Mark 7:24-30)

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