



Authentic vs. Phony Faith

Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. (Hebrews 9:28)

The question before us all is: Are we included in the “many” whose sins Christ bore? And will we be saved at his second coming?

The answer of Hebrews 9:28 is, “Yes,” if we are “eagerly waiting for him.” We can know that our sins are taken away and that we will be safe in the judgment, if we trust Christ in such a way that it makes us eager for his coming.

There is a phony faith that claims to believe in Christ, but is only a fire insurance policy. Phony faith “believes” only to escape hell. It has no real desire for Christ. In fact, it would prefer if he did not come, so that we can have as much of this world’s pleasures as possible. This shows that a heart is not with Christ, but with the world.

So, the issue for us is: Do we eagerly long for the coming of Christ? Or do we want him to stay away, while our love affair with the world runs its course? That is the question that tests the authenticity of faith. Let us be like the Corinthians as we “wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7), and like the Philippians whose “citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).

That’s the issue for us. Do we love his appearing? Or do we love the world and hope that his appearing will not interrupt our plans? Eternity hangs on this question. (JP).

Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart: Our next Theology 101 class will be Saturday, July 5th, at 9:00 a.m...

Wednesday Bible Study: Tonight, at 6:30 pm, we will be continuing our study on *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God*.

Sunday’s Service: The Secret of Contentment – Part 2 (Philippians 4:10-13): <https://youtu.be/LR4tJSIXbmk>

This Sunday’s Message: Honor Such Men: Seeing the Humility of Christ Lived Out! (Philippians 4:18-30)

Great Quote: Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking about yourself less! (Isaiah 66:2, “*This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*”

Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for Darlene. She’s having a pacemaker put in this Friday.
- Please pray for Jennie - for complete healing of her knee after surgery.
- Please pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please pray for Danielle. She is currently homeless and praying for a place to call “home” – for herself and her two children.

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- Please pray for Conrad. A young man of 15 years, who was just baptized last Saturday. He also stood up at church and thanked everybody and declared that this was now his church home – PTL!
- Please continue to pray for the Rivera family in Puerto Rico. Angie Rivera passed away last week.
- PTL! Pastor Galen Greenwalt's heart surgery yesterday was a success, and he is home now.
- Please continue to pray for Lupe's brother, Roger. He has been move to rehab as he recovers.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or yea4god@gmail.com

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike

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Mike Yeamans

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Nothing but God exists for its own sake"

"God magnifies his greatness by making himself the supreme treasure of our hearts, even at great cost to himself (Rom 8:32), and so serving us in the very act of exalting his glory." (John Piper)

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