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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

New Members – Faye Janey, DeQuincy & Amber Gordon

Baptisms – Demetrius Deshaun & Kyrie Lee, sons of DeQuincy & Amber Gordon
Lucille Grace, daughter of Aaron & Brianna Legate

Praise Singing

“Here I am to Worship”

“Hymn of Heaven”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Beth Ann Redeker

Message – Tough Questions: Other Religions & Israel

Scripture – John 1:9-12

We Respond to God

Prayer

“You are My All in All”

Blessing

Memory Verse for October 20th

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

– 1 Corinthians 16:13



Tough Questions:

Dog Gone, That's a Tough One

Tough Questions: Other Religions and Israel

John 1:9-12

Other Religions

What is the difference between Jews, Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses? Do they believe in the trinity?

(See resource list and "Warning" below.)

ISRAEL

Have you considered contacting 1 of the 3 Synagogues in Wisconsin to let them know that we are willing to do whatever it takes to support them?

Should we support Israel's Iron Dome?

Should the US government rescue persecuted people from evil leaders?

Should Israel get special priority because of the Bible?

Does God still have a purpose for Israel, or has the church replaced Israel?

THREE PRIMARY POSITIONS: These positions overlap at times and are defined differently by different people.

Supersessionism/Replacement Theology= the Christian _____ has replaced national Israel regarding the plan, purpose, and promises of God.

Dispensationalism/Dispensational Theology = God uses different means of working with people (Israel and the Church) during different periods of history and His promises will be fulfilled for the _____ of Israel.

Covenantalism/Covenant Theology = The covenant of grace includes a _____ of believing Jews and believing gentiles, both are grafted into the one tree through Christ.

TWO PRIMARY HERESIES: The primary issues are: will blessing the nation of Israel result in God blessing America and will Jews be saved apart from faith in Jesus

Heresy 1: Support the _____ of _____ always. (see *Gen 12; John 16:33; Rom. 13*)

Heresy 2: All _____ will be saved.
Jesus condemned _____ who rejected him.

Matthew 8:11-12, 23:29-38

Paul states that _____ who reject Christ go to hell.

Romans 9:2-3, 6

Paul did all he could to reach _____, though his call was to the _____.

1 Corinthians 9:20, Romans 11:13-14

Jesus clearly taught that salvation comes through _____ alone.

John 14:7, 5:23,42-43, 6:45, 8:42; 1 John 2:23

APPLICATION: PUT FAITH IN JESUS.

Then learn to defend & share your faith!

RESOURCES:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/will-every-jew-be-saved>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/should-we-side-with-israel-or-palestine>

www.carm.org - search the religions and words above.

<https://www.christianpost.com/voices/loving-your-enemies-in-the-middle-east-fact-or-fiction.html>

"With God on Our Side" <http://watch.redeemtv.com/with-god-on-our-side>

WARNING

From [CARM.org](http://www.carm.org)

There are two **cults** going door-to-door: Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses. They claim to be Christian religions, but they are not.

Mormonism teaches:

- God used to be a man on another planet and Mormon members may become gods of their own worlds.¹

- There are many many gods.²

- The Trinity is three separate Gods.³
 - Entrance into celestial heaven is by the consent of God and the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith.⁴
 - God has a body of flesh and bones.⁵
 - God is married and produces spirit babies by having physical relations with his goddess wife.⁶
 - Jesus, Satan, and all of us are spirit brothers and sisters procreated in a pre-existent spirit life.⁷
 - God had relations with Mary to make Jesus' body.⁸
 - You must shed your own blood for the forgiveness of some sins.⁹
 - Good works are necessary for the forgiveness of sins.¹⁰
- Be careful.** Rarely will they mention these 'higher' doctrines. Therefore, you really don't know what they are teaching until long after you have joined. **Be warned.**

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach:

- Their church organization is the prophet of God.¹¹
- Jesus returned invisibly in 1914.¹²
- Blood transfusions are sinful.¹³
- The Holy Spirit is God's impersonal active force.¹⁴
- Only their church members will be saved.¹⁵
- Jesus was an angel who became a man.¹⁶
- Jesus did not rise from the dead physically.¹⁷
- There is no Trinity.¹⁸
- Good works are necessary for the forgiveness of sins.¹⁹

Be careful. Jehovah's Witnesses will want to begin a home 'Bible study' with you. What they really want is for you to join their religion.

These groups are non-Christian cults because they deny the true biblical doctrines of Jesus and salvation. First, Mormonism says Jesus is the brother of the Devil.⁷ J.W.'s teach that he is an angel who became a man.¹⁶ These teachings are not biblical.

Second, both these cults erroneously say that in order to be saved you must cooperate with God by doing good works. The Bible says that salvation is a free gift from God.²¹ The Bible condemns the addition of our works to the finished sacrifice of Jesus.²² Galatians 2:21 says that if salvation comes by works ("if righteousness comes through the Law"), then Jesus died needlessly. Salvation comes by God's grace through faith alone, not by our works²¹ which are impure.²⁹ Simply put, they each preach a false message of salvation.

The Bible teaches: there is only one God;²³ God is spirit;²⁴ Jesus' sacrifice cleanses from all sin;²⁵ Jesus is the only way to God;²⁶ all who receive Jesus as Savior will be saved;²⁷ and Jesus is God in flesh²⁰ who rose from the dead in the same body He died in.²⁸ These are some of the things the Christian church has always believed. These two cults distort them and thus lead many into eternal damnation. Why? Because...

Only the Jesus of the Bible saves, not the brother of Satan (Mormonism), not an angel made into a man (Jehovah's Witnesses). Faith works only when you trust someone who is true.

The Mormons and J.W.'s are good people and we love them; but, they are misled.³⁰ They do not know that the true gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus for our sins and that we receive His forgiveness by faith alone (faith in the true Jesus). Satan has blinded them.³⁰ Jesus said that if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the pit.³¹ That is why this Christian ministry is exposing these cults, so you won't be deceived.

If you want to be assured of the forgiveness of your sins and have peace with God, then you must realize that you have sinned against God,³² and are separated from Him.³³ Then, ask Jesus into your life; ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and save you. He will.²⁷ He is Savior and Lord and He is as close as the call of your heart. Then read your Bible and go to church. At least now you know which two not to join. Eternity is a long time to be wrong.

DOCUMENTATION FROM MORMON WRITINGS

1)Mormon Doctrine by Bruce McConkie, p. 321. 2)Ibid., p. 163. 3)Ibid., p. 319. 4)Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 7, P.289. 5)Doctrine and Covenants 130:22. 6)McConkie, p. 516. 7)Ibid., pp. 192;589. 8)Ibid., pp.741-742; The Seer, p. 158. 9)Doctrines of Salvation by Joseph Smith, Vol. I p. 135. 10)Articles of Faith, p. 79.

DOCUMENTATION FROM J. W. WRITINGS

11)The Watchtower, April 1, 1972, pp.197, 200. 12)You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth, 1982, p. 147. 13)Reasoning from the Scriptures, pp 70-76. 14)Holy Spirit, 1976, p. 11. 15)Ibid., Feb. 15, 1979, p. 30. 16)Aid to Bible Understanding, p. 1152; New Heavens and New Earth, p. 30. 17)You Can Live Forever...pp. 143, 144, 172. 18)Let God be True, p. 101. 19)Studies in the Scriptures, Vol. I pp. 150,152.

DOCUMENTATION FROM THE BIBLE (GOD)

20)John 1:1,14, 8:58, 10:30; Col. 2:9. 21)Rom. 6:23;3:28;4:5. Eph. 2:8-9. 22)Gal. 3:1-2;5:1-4. 23)Isaiah 43:10; 44:6, 8. 24)John 4:24. 25)1 John 1:7,2:2. 26)John 14:6. 27)John 1:12; Rom. 10:9-10. 28)Luke 24:39; John 2:19-21. 29)Isaiah 64:6 30)2 Cor. 4:3-4. 31)Luke 6:39. 32)Rom. 3:23, 5:12. 33)Isaiah 59:2.

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<https://carm.org/world-religions/mormonism/>

Upcoming Events

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| Oct 17 | Middle Schoolers at Silver Birch
8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
10:45am – Sunday School, Women's Bible Study – "Delighting in God's Law" |
| Oct 18 | 5:30pm – Women's Ministry Team Meeting
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study – "Finding I Am" |
| Oct 19 | 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
6:30pm – Women's Bible Study – "In His Image"
7:00pm – Executive Committee Meeting |
| Oct 20 | 9:30am – Golden Lifers
6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
6:30pm – Mixed Choir |

6:45pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study – “Delighting in God’s Law”
7:00pm – High School Praise Team
7:30pm – Men’s Chorus, High School Youth Group
Oct 22 Class of '22 Trip to Kentucky
Oct 23 Class of '22 Trip to Kentucky
Oct 24 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin
10:45am – Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study – “Delighting in God’s Law”
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Youth News

Middle School – No youth group tonight! Catch up on sleep from a great weekend at Silver Birch Retreat :)

High School – Sometimes life goes wrong because of our own choices, but often our lives are affected by the wrong choices of others. On Wednesday we'll see how Joseph's brother's choices could have ruined his life, but God turned it around for good, and how He's done that for others too. See you 7:30-9 on Wednesday. Invite friends!

Monday Night Bible Study starts back up November 8th.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 10/17 Missionary Salary, 10/24 Christian Home Chaplain, 10/31 Words of Hope, 11/7 Camp Manitoqua.

Congrats to Vern Schouten as he celebrates his 80th birthday on October 21st.

Congrats to Jim & Karen Stelsel as they celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on Oct 23rd.

Opportunities to Get Involved

OCC Packing – Information for packing boxes and donation items for Operation Christmas Child are located in your mailboxes and at the Children & Families Resource Center. We'll be having our annual packing party on November 3rd at 5:30-7:30pm. We hope you'll join us. If you decide to pack your own box at home, they are due by November 7th and shipping costs should be placed in the shipping donations box. Any questions contact Adrea.

Volunteer opportunity! Our foster care ministry is looking for 2 more volunteers to serve a foster family in Waupun: One person is needed to bring a meal once a month, and one person/couple is needed to offer childcare 1-2 times a month. Please prayerfully consider supporting a local foster family! Contact Benita Ter Beest for more information.

Advent Craft Night - Join us for an advent craft night on Friday, November 5th at 6:30pm. Moms and Grandmas, bring your kids and grandkids, and join in creating a Jesse Tree advent calendar. We will be making the ornaments that symbolize each story. On each day of Advent, a scripture story is told while using the ornament as a visual, starting with the creation of the world and ending with the birth of Jesus. Start this year and make it a family tradition. Sign-up at the Information Center by October 20th. Cost is \$10.

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

Praise: Today, Father, we celebrate that you have revealed your abundant grace in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you, Jesus, for reconciling us to the Father. Thanks be to God!

Repent: Forgive us for trusting in our own strength and thinking we can save ourselves with good behavior or some other religion.

Ask: Help us boldly proclaim the true Gospel of salvation through Christ alone.

- We ask for faith, healing, strength and peace for those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- We pray for truth to be held high at the RCA's General Synod which concludes on Tuesday.
- We pray for Friesland, Brandon, First-Waupun and Emmanuel as they meet with the classis on Oct. 24.
- We pray for our classis to be truly generous and gracious in our transfer, particularly as they meet on Nov. 2.
- We pray that ARC will be able to move quickly and wisely in organizing.

Yield: Today, we commit ourselves fully and completely to trust in You as the one and only way to the Father.

THIS WEEK... Pray for the family of Margi Harmsen as her mom passed away this past week. Pray for the family of Gladys Kastein as she passed away early Thursday morning. Pray for healing for Tom & Bonnie Van Hierden (Diane Clark's sister and brother-in-law).

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Ashley Bruins, Josie Buitter, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ