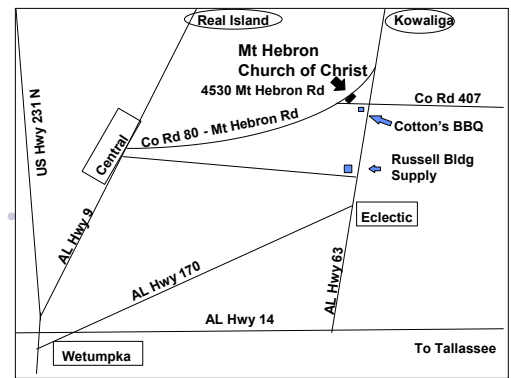


Neighborly News

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Jesus Christ is our mediator

Man is separated from God because of sins (Isa. 59:1, 2; Jas. 4:4). Because of sin, we all have an alienation problem. The only way to be reconciled back to God is through a mediator. The only mediator between deity and humanity is Christ. The Bible says, *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, (1 Timothy 2:5)*. A mediator must meet two qualifications:

- * He must not be party to the offense. The offense in our case was sin. Jesus meets this qualification because He was sinless (Heb. 4:15).
- * He must have knowledge of both parties involved. In this case, God and man are the parties who are separated, so Christ must completely know both sides.

He understood God's point of view because He was in heaven as God from all eternity (Jn. 1: 1-4). But He, from that vantage point, did not understand what it was like to be a man. But when He became flesh through the virgin birth, He looked at the world through man's eyes. From Mary He inherited humanity; from the Holy Spirit He inherited Deity (Mt. 1: 23; Jn. 1: 14). He was both man and God at the same time. Charles Spurgeon noted, "Christ was not a deified man, neither was He a humanized God. He was perfectly God and at the same time perfectly man."

In the field of genetics "Mendel's

Law" says, "All that is in the parent is in the offspring and all that is in the offspring is in the parent." Thus Jesus was both human and divine. He has knowledge of both parties involved. He was able to reach down and take the sin cursed hand of man and reach up and take the holy hand of God and bring them together. As Paul put it, *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*



What it means to be a Christian

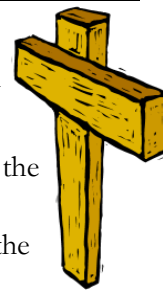
- As members of the body one carries out the will of Christ the HEAD (Colossians 1:18).
- As lights in the world one shines forth for Christ the LIGHT of the world (John 8:12).
- As a good soldier one endures hardness for Christ the CAPTAIN of our salvation

(Hebrews 2:10; 2 Timothy 2:3).

As a sheep one follows Christ the SHEPHERD (John 10).

As a citizen one obeys Christ the KING (Colossians 1:13).

As a branch one bears fruit for Christ the VINE (John 15:1-6).



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Sunday
Bible Classes 10:00 AM
Worship Services
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Quote from a Nobel Prize recipient

American physicist, Arthur Compton discovered what we call the Compton Effect, relating to X-rays. He said, "For me, faith begins with the realization that a supreme intelligence brought the universe into being and created man. It is not difficult for me to have this faith, for an orderly, intelligent universe testifies to the greatest statement ever uttered: 'In the beginning, God ...'"

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 2:24-25)

What's hidden inside that caterpillar

Suppose a visitor to our earth from another planet were to see a caterpillar on a rosebush, and that a conversation could take place between them. It might go something like this:

“How ugly you are, and how gross, doing nothing but eat, eat, eat all day long,” says the visitor. “True,” replies the caterpillar, “but I won’t always be like this. Someday I’ll have beautiful wings and fly from flower to flower.” “A likely story,” says the visitor with a laugh.

A few days later this stranger finds a hard brown chrysalis on the rosebush, and is surprised to hear the caterpillar’s voice saying, “Now I’m worse off than before. You think I’m dead because I can neither move nor eat, but soon I shall have a resurrection and fly in the sun.” “Poor deluded worm,” says the visitor, “you’d better accept the fact that your life is over.”

But about three weeks later the stranger, strolling in the rose garden, is surprised to hear the caterpillar’s voice again.

Looking for the chrysalis, he sees one beautiful wing and then another unfolding from its cracked shell.

“You see,” says the voice, “my resurrection has come,” and spreading its wings the butterfly flits away to enjoy its wonderful new existence.

Now we are imprisoned in heavy earthbound bodies. One day, like the chrysalis, they will become inert—and the unbelieving



will proclaim that that's the end of us. But the resurrection day is coming when we shall rise in newness of life, to receive bodies like Christ's, that will be as spiritual and able to move as quickly as our minds and souls are now.

Dr. Spirol Zodhiates



Why Christians are one in Christ What about the church of Christ

- We have the same Lord (Romans 10:12; Ephesians 4:5).
- We are redeemed by the same blood (Ephesians 1:7).
- We obeyed the same gospel (Romans 1:16; Galatians 1:6-9).
- We are added to the same church (Acts 2:41, 47).
- We are heirs of the same promises (Acts 2:39).
- We are united to the same head (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22).
- We worship the same God (John 4:24).
- We all have the same Father (Ephesians 4:6; Romans 8:16-18).
- We hope for the same heavenly home (John 14:1-6).
- Establishment (Isaiah 2:2-3; Daniel 2:44; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4; Note: Mark 9:1).
- Foundation – Christ (Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Matthew 16:18).
- Founder – Christ (Matthew 16:16-18).
- Names of Members (Acts 9:1-2, 13-14; 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16).
- Organization (Ephesians 1:22-23; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-12).
- Worship – Spirit and Truth (John 4:24; Acts 2:42; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
- Law of Pardon (Faith + Obedience = Salvation; Mark 16:16; Hebrews 5:8-9).
- Creed – Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2).
- Church Name/Description (Romans 16:16; Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:15)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)