Does Jesus Care?

Introduction. Jesus is the Son of God (Matt. 16: 13-18), Emmanuel (Matt. 1: 23), and reigning King of kings (Acts 2: 30-36; I Tim 6: 15). This same Jesus was sinless and shall be the judge of all (Heb. 4: 15; John 5: 22). The question is, can such a being actually and really care for man?

Jesus displayed care when He divested Himself of heaven's glory. Jesus' pre-incarnation is beyond doubt taught (1 John 1: 1-4). Jesus, the Word, was with God and was God (divine) before He came to earth. Notice why Jesus came to earth: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich: (2 Cor. 8: 9). Jesus cared for us so much that He gave His own life (Rom. 5: 5-8).

Jesus expressed His care in His teaching and doctrinal purity. Indeed, Jesus was a teacher (Matt. 4: 23). Out of care for those whom He taught, Jesus told people want they needed to hear, not just what they wanted to hear (cf. Matt. 19: 16-22). Some heeded Him and some hated Him (Matt. 8: 1; 21: 45, 46). Above all, Jesus presented only the pure truth (Matt. 19: 3-10, cf. 2 John 9-11).

Jesus shows His care in His role as the High Priest. Jesus is a "merciful" and "faithful high priest" (Heb. 2: 17). Jesus is also said to be a "great high priest" (Heb. 4: 14). Moreover, Jesus is described as being able to "be touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Heb. 4: 15).

Conclusion. Jesus cares for you and me beyond this writer's ability to express and beyond our ability to comprehend! Do you care for Him? Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14: 15). According to John, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments..." (1 John 5: 3). Why not learn of Jesus and experience Jesus' care (Jude 21)?

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Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Jeremiah Darden

Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 535 - The Glory-Land Way

Song # 470 - Victory In Jesus

Lord's Supper Contribution

Kids 4 Kids Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 324 - Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Scripture Reading - Revelation 2:1-6

Sermon by: Darryl Darden

"Your First Love"

Song of Invitation # 909 - There's a Fountain Free

Song # 959 -Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Closing Prayer

Today
is the last day to be put on the list
for a holiday box.

Dec. 14th, is the last day to donate for

the Holiday Boxes.
The boxes will be distributed on

Dec. 17th, following morning services.

Schedule **(In person & Zoom) **9:00 a.m. - Bible Class 9:00 a.m. - Teen Girls Class **10:00 a.m. -**Sunday Worship** **10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de Adoración (via Facebook Live) Savior's Rids Holiday Party Come join us on our Polar Express!!! All Aboard!! Sun. Dec. 10th 12-3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023
Bible Study on Zoom

7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. - En Linea

Clase Biblica

<u>Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023</u> 4:30 P.M. - **ZOOM LADIES**' CLASS

This will be the last day. Class resumes January 11,.

<u>Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023</u>

Men's Meeting @ 9 a.m.



14th - Brittney Everly 16th - Dennis Canady



Ladies Holiday Lunch We will be going out for lunch after church service. We are asking for each person to pay for their own meal. Sun., Dec. 17th @ 12 p.m. Bring an unwrapped gift for a foster child. Wear red to show Holiday Spirit.

Wear red to show Holiday Spirit.
La Casita Mexican Restaurant
17289 Main St. Hesperia, CA 92345

BASKETBALL

Are you interested in going to a Clippers Basketball Game sometime between February and April? If interested, please contact Eric Cim. at 760-553-3777.

"After-Life" A Bible Study

starting Wednesday,

January 10, 2024 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

We won't be reading the book in class but it has inspired the title and will be leaned upon by the teacher (Eric) to some extent.

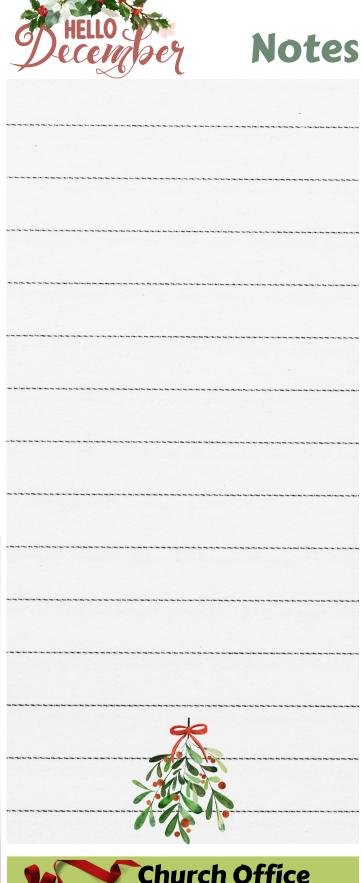
Summary: A study of the Bible passages that hint at what one may expect to find in the afterlife.

Length of Class: 3 or 4 months.

Book: "After-Life" A Bible Study Author F. LeGard Smith.

[Additionally: the book "Beyond Death's Door" by Owen Olbright will also be referenced.]

If you have something that needs to be published in the <u>Dec. 24th or</u> <u>Dec. 31st</u> bulletins please provide them to the office by <u>Dec. 18th</u>.



Church Office Holiday Closure

In observance of the holiday season, the church office will be closed from Dec. 25, 2023, thru Jan. 1, 2024.

Pray For Our Military

Brandon Applegate;
Matison Brown; Andre Canady;
Zack Cantu; Danny Eickmeyer;
Robert Farrell; Anthony Guess;
Raymond Holguin; Jaehyeong
Park; and Robert Rygoza.

A tragic event has impacted Meliny Gammage & family. Sunday evening her son, Marquette Scott was shot & killed in LA. Please Keep the family in prayer.



If your interested in helping the family please coordinate with Eric.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that our dear sister,

Judy Dame passed away Sunday,
December 3, 2023.



She will be dearly missed.

Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ove would like to extend a very special thank you for the very generous donation of \$50,000 made in memory of our late brother in Christ, Garry Oskamp.



Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Ida Crawford; Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and Shirley Fales.

Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos; Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson; Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne Powell; Chris Lopez; Christina Wityczak; Felicia Ganaway; Francisco Sr. & Jr.; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford; Marilyn Heil; Marvin Mason Jr.; Marie Guess; Melanie Gammage; and Tyson Crawford.

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General

Adelle Sanchez; Carol Gass; the Crumps; Dan & Jan Hook; Dorothy Condos; Eva Wityczak; Jerry Owens; Mary Owens; the Najara family; Ray Rines; Rita Greene; Vicki Brown; Yerling; the war victims; the children; and that everyone stays safe this Holiday Season.

Health

Carolyn Brown; Cydney Holliday; Jean Strealy's niece; Jeremiah Baker; Minnie Robinson; and all who are ill.

Thanksgiving

Darlene Yingling; Ida Crawford; and Tianna Smith.

Traveling

Angeliza and her family, Jean Strealy's daughter and her husband.

For Their Losses

The Basnight family at the loss of Johnnie Basnight and Liz's sister-in-law. Meliny Gammage and her family at the loss of her son, Marquette. For those who have lost loved ones comfort and give them peace through the holidays.

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Carlos Orrala – Spanish Minister

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Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry Craig Beck - Security TBA - Benevolence TBA - Greeters & Ushers Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint. TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief Mark Gruwell - Teens

Audio Visual/Zoom

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling Children's Bible Hour

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley
Johnny Latham

Building Décor Tonja Patton

Calling Ministry
Carolyn Richardson &
Eva Wityczak

<u>Call Out Ministry</u> M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski; T. Rose; & S. Suba

Song Leading, Singing Jeremiah Darden Children's Bible Hour Claudia Beck & Ga' Briella Patton

Grief Support

Strech Suba Historian

Kasie Schow

<u>Kitchen</u> Pauletta Hobson

<u>Ladies' Ministry</u> Kim Cimuchowski Military Pauletta Hobson & Leisa Pond

<u>Bulletin Mailouts</u> Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator Jeff Najera

<u>Savior's Kids</u> Jake & Danelle Tess

<u>Teacher's Workroom</u> Nina Sutton

Youth Group Mark & Renee Gruwell

Staff

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager Erica Lee - Bookkeeper Andrea Barahona - Janitorial Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Last Week's Statistics Financial Attendance A.M. Bible Class N/A 54,159.44 Contribution 12/03/23 \$ 2,750.94 Contribution 11/26/23 A.M. Worship 699.00 Special Contributions 144 In Person Y.T.D. Contribution \$ 324,579.96 Via Zoom 25 5,106,96 Teen Fund Wed. P.M. 2,782.82 Mission Fund Bible Class N/A Scholarship Fund 1,311.09 Mid Week 149.00 Kids 4 Kids N/A Bible Studies