



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION**

2012 Feb 19

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

Agenda (see news letter)

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WHO WAS JAMES?

Who was James?

- James is supposed to have been the Lord Jesus "brother"

Galatians 1:19 (NIV)

I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.

Note: James neither calls himself an apostle, nor does he say that he was the brother of Christ, or bishop of Jerusalem. There was also James the elder, son of Zebedee, or James the lesser, called our Lord's brother, or some other person of the same name, we have no sure knowledge. However Church over time has always considered him to be an apostle of Christ and probably Jesus' brother.

Ideas of when this letter was written. . .

- Roman occupation (like USA in Afghanistan)
- Other people had influenced the Hebrew culture (like how our government influences Inuit culture)
- Death sentences were around for people who disagreed with the political and religious powers of the day.
- First half of the first century A.D.

Why a
servant?

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δοῦλος doulos, a
bond-servant, a
slave



SLAVES & FREEMEN



Sculpture of slave boy

Slavery in ancient Rome differed from its modern forms in that it was not based on race.

But like modern slavery, it was an abusive and degrading institution. Cruelty was commonplace.

A common practice

Slavery had a long history in the ancient world and was practiced in Ancient Egypt and Greece, as well as Rome. Most slaves during the Roman

Empire were foreigners and, unlike in modern times, Roman slavery was not based on race.

Slaves in Rome might include prisoners of war, sailors captured and sold by pirates, or slaves bought outside Roman territory. In hard times, it was not uncommon for desperate Roman citizens to raise money by selling their children into slavery.

Life as a slave

All slaves and their families were the property of their owners, who could sell or rent them out at any time. Their lives were harsh. Slaves were often whipped, branded or cruelly mistreated. Their owners could also kill them for any reason, and would face no punishment.

Essential labor

Slaves worked everywhere – in private households, in mines and factories, and on farms. They also worked for city governments on engineering projects such as roads, aqueducts and buildings. As a result, they merged easily into the population.

In fact, slaves looked so similar to Roman citizens that the Senate once considered a plan to make them wear special clothing so that they could be identified at a glance. The idea was rejected because the Senate feared that, if slaves saw how many of them were working in Rome, they might be tempted to join forces and rebel.

Manumission

Another difference between Roman slavery and its more modern variety was manumission – the ability of slaves to be freed. Roman owners freed their slaves in considerable numbers: some freed them outright, while others allowed them to buy their own freedom. The prospect of possible freedom through manumission encouraged most slaves to be obedient and hard working.

BOND SERVANT What's that?

One who gives himself up to another's will those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing his cause among men.

A person devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests

Do we get bond servants today?

What type of things do we know that are similar?

What twelve tribes
and why were they
scattered?

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Twelve tribes

The biblical term "Israelites" (or the **Twelve Tribes** or Children of Israel) means both the **direct descendants of the patriarch Jacob/Israel** as well as the historical population of the kingdom of Israel.

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Around 1200-1050 B.C.
(according to the Book of Joshua)



Israel's descendants

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin, become the ancestors of twelve tribes, with the exception of Joseph, whose two sons **Mannasseh** and **Ephraim** become tribal names derived from Joseph.

The mothers of Jacob's sons are:

Leah: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun

Rachel: Joseph, Benjamin

Bilhah (Rachel's maid): Dan, Naphtali

Zilpah (Leah's maid): Gad, Asher (Gen 35:22-26)

Scattered ,διασπορᾱ, diaspora

This word occurs only here and in 1 Peter 1:1, and John 7:35

It is used for those that lived out of Palestine, or who were scattered among the Gentiles.

There were two great "dispersions;" the **Eastern** and the **Western**.

The **Eastern** had its origin about the time when the **ten tribes** were carried away to Assyria, and in the time of the Babylonian captivity [587–538 BCE]

In consequence of these events, and of the fact that large numbers of the Jews went to Babylon, and other Eastern countries, for purposes of travel, commerce, etc., there were many Jews in the East in the times of the apostles.

The other was the **Western** "dispersion," which commenced about the time of **Alexander the Great**, and which was promoted by various causes, until there were large numbers of Jews in **Egypt** and along **Northern Africa**, in **Asia Minor**, in **Greece** proper, and even in **Rome**. [332 BC]



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Did he mean this letter to be kept for a single church?

Do you think he would want it copied?

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- James 1:2 The Greek word for *brothers and sisters* (*adelphoi*) refers here to believers, **both men and women, as part of God's family**; also in verses 16 and 19; and in 2:1, 5, 14; 3:10, 12; 4:11; 5:7, 9, 10, 12, 19.

How do we get faith tested today?

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FAITH: Belief in things before they are experienced by ourselves.

Normally based on spiritual aspects rather than proof

Faith is based on knowledge, right?

- Some questions checking our knowledge

How many Gods are there in the universe?

- A. One B. Two C. Three D. Many

Isaiah 44:6
and 8

The Trinity is . . .

- A. Three separate Gods B. One God who took 3 consecutive forms
C. One God in three persons D. A completely false doctrine

Phil. 1:2,
John 1:1,
Acts 5:3-4

Jesus is . . .

- A. God in flesh B. An angel who became a man
C. A good man D. A great prophet

John 1:1, 14

How many natures does Jesus have?

- A. One B. Two C. Three D. More

God
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The Holy Spirit is . . .

- A. An invisible force like radar B. A divine spark in all of us
C. Third person in the Trinity D. A god

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Sin is . . .

- A. There is no sin B. A misinterpretation of reality C. A state of mind
D. Breaking God's Law

1 John 3:4

Human nature is basically. . .

- A. Good B. Sinful C. Neutral D. Divine

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In what manner did Jesus rise from the dead?

- A. As a spirit B. In the same body he died in C. He did not rise from the dead
D. The disciples made up the resurrection story

John 2:19-21

Hell is . . .

- A. Right here on earth B. A state of mind
C. A place of eternal fire and torment D. There is no hell

Mark 9:32

Heaven is . . .

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Psalms 20:6

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Salvation is attained by . . .

- A. Grace through faith after all you can do
- B. Grace through faith
- C. A state of your mind
- D. Obeying all of God's laws

The Devil is . . .

- A. An equal and opposing force to God
- B. Not real
- C. A figment of people's minds
- D. An angel who rebelled against God

The Bible is . . .

- A. The inspired word of God
- B. A nice history book
- C. Full of contradictions and errors
- D. A story book of metaphors

The Rapture is . . .

- A. A serious head rush
- B. A New Age meditation philosophy
- C. The catching up of God's people into the sky at Jesus' return.
- D. An Old Testament Jewish feast

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How many ways are there to God?

- A. Just one. Through Jesus B. Many ways C. As many ways as there are people D. It depends on the religion

When you die . . .

- A. You go to purgatory B. You go to heaven or hell C. You don't exist anymore D. You are reincarnated

Why did God create us? . . .

- A. As an experiment B. He was bored C. To save us, love us, and have us love Him D. For pawns in his cosmic game

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Perseverance

- Keeping going in tough times!
- When the going gets tough, the tough get going....

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- What tough times have we had in our pasts?
- What did you learn through that tough time?
- Could you have learned that without the tough time?
- Does what you learned help you to help and have compassion for others in similar situation?

What can we apply out of what we learned today?

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Test cost : \$85

Needs: Brake cable/muffler clamp

License: \$37.50

Tax: \$400

Used vehicle kit \$20

\$100 for bags for MCC- for Barb

Mission:

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