



MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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GLORIOUSLY EQUAL

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Galatians 3:26 & 28
26For in Christ Jesus
you are all sons of God,
through faith. 28There 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.

There are multiple ways we categorize each other. Some categories are legitimate while others are forced and contrived. While categorizing itself is not bad, the tendency to value people based on the categories we put them in is definitely problematic – and many times even sinful. Understanding the scope of the redemption Jesus provides can help to remedy the evils of pejorative categorizing.

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All who are in Jesus Christ are equally children of God. The salvation and standing we have in Christ are the same. Our salvation does not vary by ethnicity, social standing, or biological gender. It is not that we lose who we are. We still have our ethnic, social, and biological distinctives, but those qualities do not determine our standing before God. When we recognize this truth, we are freed to live with each other as equals. We do not put each other down or ostracize each other because of our real or perceived differences. Instead, we intentionally live out our unity by creating strong, respectful relationships.

While our society wearies itself finding new ways to categorize (and divide us), we who know the Lord cling firmly to our identity in Him. We understand that whatever else we

may be, we are first and foremost children of the King of Kings. Our inherent worth and equality are rooted in our relationship to Him. Therefore, we are empowered to resist the subtle or overt pressures of our various other relationships and associations to promote divisiveness. We acknowledge and celebrate our differences, while simultaneously embracing our profound unity in Christ.

How do you relate to your brothers and sisters in Christ? Do you recognize the glorious unity that results from our mutual connection to Christ? How is this reality played out in your daily life?

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

FEB 21

Join us via Zoom video
 Please contact Pastor James
 for log on information at
rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

FEB 24

In-person at church.
 For teens
 ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

MAR 5 & MAR 19

Join us in-person
 at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

FEB 26

These ministries are
 available every Sunday
 during the morning service
 Kidzone for ages
 6-12 yrs. old.

GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

Continue this week
 Plan to attend one convenient to
 you. Sign-up on our
 website or the Info. Ctr.

FEB 23 & FEB 24

In-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

FEB 26

In-person service and
 Livestreaming on Facebook,
 Youtube and our webpage.

- Explore Mountain Stream Classes for those interested in becoming members of Mountain Stream or just finding out more about our church begin Sunday March 19 @ 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Center to attend.
- Growth Groups continue this week at 7 pm at church. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you. Questions are available at the Information Center or on our website @ www.mountainstreamchurch.com.
- If you'd like to be part of the church's refreshment team, please contact Lori Ditaranto for details.
- All Ladies are invited to Ladies' Meeting this Saturday Feb 25 @ 10:30 am. Peg Korkidas is hosting. The theme is Love.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.
- Calvary School of the Bible (CBS) offers a 3-year program with courses on Christian living, ministries, theology, and Bible book surveys. Check out this link to some uploaded classes www.cbcpoconos.org and contact H. Lee Thompson directly at hleet1412@gmail.com for more information.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!