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CHRIST IS OUR EVERYTHING

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*1 Corinthians 1:30
And because of him you
are in Christ Jesus, who
became to us wisdom from
God, righteousness and
sanctification and
redemption."*

In order to live the way God wants us to, we need wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Most of us live with a sense that we never have enough of these resources so we pursue different avenues to acquire them.

In the earlier verses of this chapter, Paul points

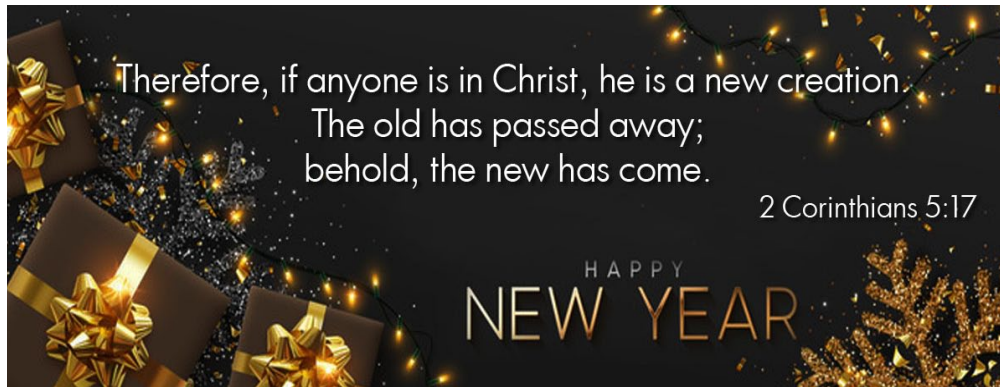
out how the Jews (religious people) desire mystical signs to assure them they are on the right path, while the Greeks (intellectuals) demand philosophical wisdom (verses 20-24). Neither path is successful, because these critical resources are found in a person – Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the source and foundation of godly wisdom, true righteousness (the kind that God approves), sanctification (increasing practical holiness), and redemption (deliverance from sin). Anything or anybody else who claims to provide these virtues are just imposters. So, if we want to be wise, we must draw close to Christ. If we want to be righteous, we must draw close to Christ. If we want to be sanctified, we must draw close to Christ. If we want to be redeemed, we must surrender to Christ.

As one year ends and a new one begins, may we determine to deepen our relationship with Jesus. May God help us to draw so close to Him that we find ourselves teeming with the wisdom from heaven. May we walk so close to Him that our lives reflect His righteousness. May we so commune with Him that our thoughts and actions exude holiness. May we rest so completely in Him that we are confident that our sins have been forgiven because of His sacrifice of Himself for us.

May God help us to live so intimately with Christ that we discover that everything we need to please God is found in Him.

God bless you,
Pastor James

BEHOLD THE NEW HAS COME



WHAT'S HAPPENING

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Dec 28 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>Jan 2 Evening Service is canceled</p> <p>Jan 16 join us in-person at church.</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jan 2 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>QUICK TIPS</p> <p>Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. 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!</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Dec 31 Youth meeting is canceled</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jan 2 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Year's Eve Service is **CANCELLED**.
- The list of nominees for offices for 2022 is at the Information Center. Please pray that God would direct our choices.
- **Explore Mountain Stream Classes** for those interested in becoming members, or just finding out more about Mountain Stream **begin January 9th at 10 am**. Please sign up at the Information Center to attend.
- We need some church members to serve in our Nursery ministry. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Moritz.
- The Church's **Annual General Business Meeting will be January 8th @ 2 pm** at the church. Members, please plan to attend this important meeting.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings through the link on our website.