

## What It Means to Be a Christian

**Being a Christian** is more than identifying yourself with a particular religion or affirming a certain value system. Being a Christian means you have embraced what the Bible says about God (and especially Jesus Christ), mankind, and salvation. Consider the following truths found in the Bible.

**God is Sovereign Creator.** Contemporary thinking says man is the product of evolution. But the Bible says we were created by a personal God to love, serve, and enjoy endless fellowship with Him. The New Testament reveals it was Jesus Himself who created everything (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Therefore, He also owns and rules everything (Psalm 103:19). That means He has authority over our lives and we owe Him absolute allegiance, obedience, and worship.

**God is Holy.** God is absolutely and perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3); therefore He cannot commit or approve of evil (James 1:13). God requires holiness of us as well. First Peter 1:16 says, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**Mankind is sinful.** According to Scripture, everyone is guilty of sin: "There is no man who does not sin" (I Kings 8:46). That doesn't mean we're incapable of performing acts of human kindness. But we're utterly incapable of understanding, loving, or pleasing God on our own (Romans 3:10-12).

**Sin Demands a Penalty.** God's holiness and justice demand that all sin be punished by death (Ezekiel 18:4). That's why simply changing our patterns of behavior can't solve our sin problem or eliminate its consequences.

**Jesus is Lord and Savior.** Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Even though God's justice demands death for sin, His love has provided a Savior who paid the penalty and died for sinners (1 Peter 3:18). Christ's death satisfied the demands of God's justice, and Christ's perfect life satisfied the demands of God holiness (2 Corinthians 5:21), thereby enabling Him to forgive and save those who place their faith in Him (Romans 3:26).

**The Character of Saving Faith.** True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin (Luke 13:3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9) and pursue Christ (Matthew 11:28-30; John 17:3) and obedience to Him (1 John 2:3). It isn't enough to believe certain facts about Christ. Even Satan and his demons believe in the true God (James 2:19), but they don't love and obey Him. True saving faith always responds in obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

## This Week at a Glance

<b>Sun. 4-16</b>	
Sunrise Service	8:00 am
Worship Service	10:00 am
<b>Mon. 4-17</b>	
Exercise in gym	9:00 am
TOPS	9:00 am
<b>Tues. 4-18</b>	
The Exemplary Husband	8:00am
Ladies Bible Study	10:00 am
<b>Wed. 4-19</b>	
Exercise in gym	9:00 am
AWANA	6:25 pm
Gospel Readiness Training	6:30 pm
<b>Fri. 4-21</b>	
Exercise in gym	9:00 am
<b>Sat. 4-22</b>	
Ladies Spring Luncheon	10:00am

On April 23, we will have special guest speaker, Dr. Keith Essex here with us.

Don't miss this great teaching opportunity in adult Sunday school and the morning worship service!



## Exalting the Lord

## Equipping the Saints

## Evangelizing the Lost

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## The Lord's Day

### Welcome and Announcements

Parker Reardon

### Praise God with Song

Resurrection Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Medley

Jesus, Messiah

For those whom standing is difficult for extended periods of time,  
please do NOT feel obligated to stand during singing

### Prayer

Mark Sosey

### Giving Back to God

To our guests: please don't feel obligated to give when the offering plates are passed. This is a part of regular worship for our church family. Simply place a guest card in the plate so we can send you a warm letter of welcome

*(Children dismissed to Jr. Church)*

### Message:

Parker Reardon

**Resurrection Responses: Fright or Delight**

**Matt 28:1-10**

\***Children's Church** for ages 3 yrs. – 4<sup>th</sup> grade dismissed  
before the sermon to room # 2.

\***Nursery offered** in Rm. #1 east of entrance.

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## Announcements

*The Ladies Spring Social is coming! Mark your calendars for April 22nd. This year's theme is 'Tea and Testimony.'*

### Baby Bottles!

During the month of April we will be participating in the Baby Bottle Drive for the Pregnancy Care Center. Take a bottle, fill it with change and bring it back to help support the Grants Pass Pregnancy Care Center.

Stewardship Seminar April 28-29  
Will include leadership time, 14 steps to financial freedom, biblical connections on stewardship, estate planning, and planned giving.

*Don't forget to grab a church business card and invite your friends and neighbors to join us*

## Pastor's Corner

### Book Nook

There are many new books in the foyer that I would encourage you to read. We are selling them for cost only. If you have any questions about any of them please ask.

There are also various articles on biblical helps provided on the foyer table to aid in your walk with Christ.

- \* Are you interested in more teaching audios or articles? Go to [www.biblicalexpositor.org](http://www.biblicalexpositor.org).
- \* Feel free to email me with any questions you may have. [parkerreardon@gmail.com](mailto:parkerreardon@gmail.com)
- \* If you haven't followed the Lord in obedience in Baptism since you have come to Christ, please see me

### The Brown Barrel

*The Brown Barrel is a fund for our missionaries that is collected throughout the year and then distributed to them as a Christmas gift. It's in the foyer for anyone who would like to support our missionaries this way, which is above and beyond their normal monthly support.*

### Today's Volunteer Schedule

Nursery Sunday School: Connie Quigley

Nursery Morning Worship: Veronique and Lynsey

Children's Church: Mary Z. and Jackie H.

Lock-up: Mike Quigley