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Victory Through Him Who Loves Us

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”

- Romans 8:37

We are living in a most turbulent time, one that is filled with so much uncertainty. The social and political unrest marked with violence that surrounds us at this moment is heart rending. For some time now a wave of corruption, evil speaking, hatred, wickedness and immorality has been sweeping across this nation. My friends, the sins we read about in Romans 1:18-32 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5, the sins that are condemned by our God are alive and prospering in America today.

I don't know what is going to happen to America and her people in the days, months and years that, Lord willing, lie ahead. I do know that there is nothing hidden from the sight of God, that all things are open and laid bare to his eyes (Heb. 4:13). I believe that God is in control of all things and whatever His will is for America and her people, so be it. I pray for our President, our Congress and Supreme Court to have hearts touched with a sense of responsibility to do things right in the sight of God. But my trust is not in those who are our elected and appointed representatives in government. My trust is totally in my God who loves me with an never ending love (Psalms 5:11-12, 16:1, 25:1-2, 56:3-4; Isa 12:2-3). I pray the same holds true with you as well.

Today, I urge you to let your thoughts dwell on the exceedingly precious promise that as a child of God we, through Him who loved us, can conquer all things that threaten to separate us from the love of God. To conquer is to win, be victorious.. The question is put forth in Romans 8:35, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?* Can tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or perils or sword" The answer is a resounding no (Romans 8:35-27). The afflictions of this life are but for a moment when we consider the eternity to which we are going. They really fade into insignificance when we compare them with the glorious happiness that will be ours when we shed these earthly bonds and move out to live in that home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4).

What does tomorrow and following tomorrows hold in store for us due in part to Covid 19? What will be the ramifications of this Presidential election? Will a calmness come to this nation or will there be more unrest and violence sweeping across our nation? None of us knows the answer to these questions. We simply must trust in God and pour out our heart before Him (Psalms 62:8). With all my heart, I believe that so long as we unflinchingly at all times trust in God and lean not to our own understanding (Prov. 3:5), we will be victorious through Him that loved us. To God be the glory.

Never forget that greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

- Charles Hicks

Our Prayer List

- Chuck Palmer died this week of Covid-19. Please pray for Rosalie and the family. Rosalie's address is 10217 Kemah PL, McKinney TX 75071
- René Powless' mom (Irene Koth) had Mitra clip surgery (a clip in the heart to help the valve close) Wednesday morning. The surgery went well. She is currently at Tacoma General. Please pray for her recovery and for René as she continues to care for her.
- Rick Velasco had a colonoscopy on Tuesday. Several polyps were removed, but he is doing well. Please pray for Rick's ongoing health issues.
- Monday night was a very long night for the Fry family; we all stayed up late watching hurricane Iota progress towards our loved ones and when we finally shut the light off, we were still very frightened for their safety, somewhere along the way the hurricane path shifted quite a bit south of the predicted path.
Rachelle has been so good sending her mama Lisa little videos showing they are okay. Rain and wind and flooding but nowhere near what we expected! God answered prayer and we are so thankful! They have more days of rain predicted, they lost half of their power but have that precious generator. They're still able to help those who do not have praise God.
We spoke with brother Ken Avery and he noted that there was laughter in our conversation, and we realized it was true, we are experiencing the joy of relief!
Thank you thank you thank you for your prayers! - Darrell, Laura and Lisa
- Charlotte Hahn has company staying with her, her stepson and his wife. We need to pray for Charlotte's son Lou Harrison, he has a cancer diagnosis and needs healing prayers.
- Sarah Benjamin is requesting prayers for Maria, whom she met on a prayer group. Maria has been in a lot of pain and very ill. The Lord has great purpose for her life and prayers are requested for her healing.
- Please continue to pray for Dorothy Fletcher and her family.
- Prayers for Davi Armenta as she is recovering at Harborview from a gunshot wound.
- Pray for all of those who are affected by Covid -19, either themselves or loved ones.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.
- *Congratulations* to Armin Keen and Shirley DeFord who tied the knot with family and loved ones in eastern Washington on November 7th, 2020.

Note: If you have a prayer request or an update, please contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com or 360-895-0453

Note:

We will be meeting inside the building again this Sunday. Bob McDaniel will explain how the newest state Covid updates will affect our worship.

POCOC Web Site

- Weekly Bulletin - <http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt.
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Past recorded sermons are still online - <http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html>
- Current Event Calendar - <http://pococ.weebly.com/news--events.html>

Sunday Worship	
November 22, 2020 – 10:30am	
<p><i>Speaker:</i> <i>Bob McDaniel</i></p> <p><i>Communion:</i> <i>Bob McDaniel</i></p> <p><i>Song Leader:</i> <i>Sound Booth</i></p> <p><i>Prayer:</i> <i>Darrell Fry</i></p>	<p>Parking Lot Info</p> <p>Tune your radio to 93.1 FM</p> <p>You must be in the parking lot to tune in.</p>

Happy Birthday!

November:

Jaidyen Jones – 21, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24, Haddie Keagle – 29

December:

Cornell Stull – 1, Nikole Karn – 3, LaDonna Latham – 3, Tristen Herbert – 5, Sarah Benjamin – 8, Elizabeth Herbert – 8, Kelli Keagle – 12, Jedidiah Herbert – 17, Bonnie Mitchell – 18, Darlene Woodrow – 24, Wayne Hammock – 25, Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy VanLeuven - 31

Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments	
<p>The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app.</p> <p>The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays.</p> <p>If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.</p>	<p>Warming Center</p> <p>Along with baked goods, clothes are needed; coats, socks, heavy shirts. I even had a guy ask me for a belt. (I took him an extra one I had); Clothing that will help keep them warm in the winter. God Bless each one.</p> <p>Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead</p>

Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 2) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ
4135 Carr Lane SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366

November 15, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 796.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

He was despised and rejected by men
He was oppressed and afflicted
Surely our grief He had suffered Himself
Surely, He carried our sorrow

All we like sheep have gone astray
Each of us has turned to his own way
But the Lord God laid on Jesus that day
The iniquity of us all

What made Him willing to be fulling
Our own salvation while His blood was spilling?
He took our ailing, and all our failing
Upon Himself while His hands they were nailing

His words of love even then were pursuing
“Father, forgive them they don’t know what they’re doing”
And even death couldn’t keep Him from saying, “I love you.”
“I love you...”
He was saying to the world, “I love you.”
“*I love you...*”

He was saying to the world, “I love you!”

I know that song is based on Isaiah 53, but I don’t know who wrote it. It’s a song I remember performing in college almost 45 years ago.

It’s sad for me to think about that day more than 2000 years ago, and all the things that Jesus endured; up to, and including His death on the cross. Sometimes it takes a while for me to turn my mind back around to the thought of what He accomplished by that act of love. His willingness to suffer and die brought about the salvation; the redemption; the complete forgiveness of my (and your) sins.

It’s not only that my sins have been forgiven, but that I no longer have anything to be forgiven of. My sins are no longer remembered...

They’re gone!

“For I will forgive their wickedness...

and will remember their sins no more.” Hebrews 8:12

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1

Now that puts me in the Thanksgiving mood!

