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The Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Gal. 5:22-23)

"From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?" (James 3:10-11)

Formation is happening all the time. We are being transformed into something. We are either becoming more loving or more antagonistic. We are growing in joy or bitterness. We are cultivating peace or discontentment in our lives. There is no neutral ground. Our thoughts matter. Our words matter. How we think and the stories we tell ourselves are forming us into a certain kind of person.

For Christians, our formation is to always be moving in the direction of Christ. Our ultimate goal is to become like Jesus. This does not happen overnight. It takes place in the small decisions we make every day. What we think. What we say. What we do. What we consume. What we tell ourselves.

We now live in a world where our comments are not limited to just the people we know. Most of the comments made on social media are about people with whom we do not know. They are about politicians, celebrities, athletes, actors, etc. Many conversations we have with others are about these same individuals. We may think that because we do not know them, what we think or say about them does not matter, but this is not true. It does matter because we are being formed.

Choosing not to use words that are unkind, ugly, or hurtful is just as much about us as it is the person our words are directed towards. How we choose to think of others directly influences our spiritual growth. When we think poorly of others or say unkind things, we are doing damage to our souls. It doesn't matter whether we know the person or not. The result is the same.

Often, we say things online that we would never say to someone in person. Before posting ask yourself "How would I address this person if they were standing right in front of me?" We tell stories about people we know and don't know. We believe a person is nice or mean based on their politics even though we have never met them. We interpret a statement by a friend as being personal even though we have not asked them about it. We do this without thinking. The stories we tell ourselves tend to be negative. We think the worst. We are being formed, and we are making judgments that are not spiritually healthy.

How are your words and thoughts forming you? Are you exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit? Do your words promote peace or dissension? Do you bless as well as curse people? These questions matter. They matter because we are to love our neighbors. They matter because we are being formed. If we are not content with our lives, it could be we are being formed into something that is not like Christ. It could be we are choosing words and thoughts that are leading us away from Christ instead of towards him. Every choice matters. When we have a choice to make, let's choose Christ.



- Scott Elliott

Gospel of Luke

Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

Study Questions Luke Chapter Ten

1. If Jesus had twelve disciples helping Him, why did He need seventy more?
2. What were the 70 to take with them? Was there mission different then before?
3. What is a city rejecting if they reject those who are sent? What does that teach us today?
4. What was the result of the 70 being sent out? What should they rejoice in?
5. What does it mean that Jesus saw Satan fall from heaven (vs18)?
6. How were the disciples blessed (vs 23-24)?
7. Why did Jesus tell the parable of the good Samaritan?
8. What was the response of those that found the injured man?
9. Who do we most represent in the parable?
10. What are the differences between Martha and Mary?
11. How had Mary chosen the good part (desert)?
12. What else do we know about Martha and Mary?

Chapter ten of Luke gives us some great teaching. Jesus has turned His face toward Jerusalem (9:52). He knows His mission and sets in motion the events that will lead to the cross. He is determined to prepare His disciples for the task of leading the church. They are still far from where they need to be, jockeying for position. Jesus, when asked about inheriting eternal life, answers with a question of His own. When pressed, He tells a parable. This parable is one that is known to many even outside of the church. It has eternal meaning and reaches most of us at a moral level. The compassion that the "enemy" had, has been depicted in movies and literature for a long time. Why do we feel a need to help those who are hurting? How can we become desensitized and not see? Who is my neighbor? We will be discussing these and other topics from chapter ten. I invite you join us as seek to understand our Lord and savior more deeply. Seek to understand the cultural and historical back drop of Luke's gospel. All to have a more rich and vibrant view of our Lord.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Call Laura Fry or
360-876-2604
for Zoom Meeting ID

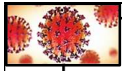
Our Prayer List

- Ken Avery's prostate surgery has been scheduled for 5:30 am on Thursday, April 15. Please pray that God will watch over the surgery and that it will be successful.
- Darlene Woodrow passed away at 11:54 P M Monday, April 5, 2021. Renny was notified about 10:30 last night that Darlene's kidneys were shutting down. Renny and Pam were able to get to the hospital to say their goodbyes. Please pray for the Woodrow family and Darlene's children, Garrett and Amanda, and her mother and siblings.
- From Sarah Benjamin: My grandmother passed away and now my grandfather has been diagnosed with blood cancer and is going downhill. These are both my dad's parents, and it's been tough. Both had Covid, which made things harder also.
- Continue to pray for René Powless' mother Irene. Pray for her comfort. Also pray for René, who takes care of her on the weekends.
- Ryan Meyers; pray for his at-home recovery.
- Continue praying for Tim Colwell.
- Karen Taylor has requested prayers for her friend, Debbie Nagel for healing, both physically and spiritually.
- Frankie Gower as they await definite dates for surgery. Pray also for their medical staff.
- Pat Woodrow is home now. Pray for her recovery.
- Pray for Daniel's continued healing.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
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MASK UP.
SIX FEET.
SMALL GROUPS.

It takes all THREE.

Sunday Worship

There **WILL** be “in-person” worship on

April 11, 2021

Watch live stream or after our worship time:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ



Speaker: *Nathaniel Thompson*

Communion: *Jon Powless*

You may also worship from the Parking Lot:

Tune your radio to 93.1 FM

You must be in the parking lot to tune in.

Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:15am

Adult Class: James Greer is teaching a class upstairs in the auditorium.

Children’s Class will be downstairs in the open fellowship area; not in classrooms. Helpers are needed. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

Worship in the auditorium begins at 10:30am

Men are needed to help lead our worship by offering a prayer, leading a communion thought, reading the scripture, or preaching a sermon.

Please contact the office to volunteer. If you would like help to prepare, let us know.

Children’s Church downstairs: Children will be dismissed after communion.

Helpers are also needed here. Please contact the office if you want to assist!

We think it’s important for the children and adults to come together in worship. We will be following all of the protocol necessary to do that safely!

If you have concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to share!

Happy Birthday!

April: Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17, Jasper Smith – 22, Lori Sanders – 28.

May: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Anna Harris – 4, John Bickle – 5, Brandon Delay – 9, Julia Karn – 17, Jason Hooper II – 19, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26, Gene Gerard – 28, Sarah Hill - 31

Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app. The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

Warming Center

Changes are coming soon, but clothes are still being collected. Continue to pray for the homeless in our community. God Bless each one. Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

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) The collection box will be at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) 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

April 11, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 865.00

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

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGbdi3hWJu4>

Verse

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Chorus

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now



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