

Living Water Fellowship

18TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

4TH OCTOBER 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord Jesus, we come as we are to become what you mean us to be. We come afraid, weary; full of questions & disappointments lingering from the week behind us. We know you alone can make us whole & set us free. We bring our plans & dream, our joys & sorrows to be touched by your grace & held in your love. We thank you for mercy that reaches out, patience that waits our return, love that welcomes & transforms. We trust you to recreate us according to your deign knowing your desires are always for our good. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord...Amen.

SONG: Dwell in Your House

(On-Line worship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSqU6iLgXbk>)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Jude 1:17-25

CSF VIDEO – insert here

FAITH CHAT:

1. How do you keep yourself in the love of God?
2. What sort of hope does your trust in Jesus bring you?

Can you share that in 1 minute or less?

THE MESSAGE: FAITH MATTERS: WHAT YOU DO

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes. Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

The Communion: *(on-site)*

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion:

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING: *(Psalm 20:1)*

(Name), † child of God,

"In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry.

May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm."

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Blessed Assurance)

(On-Line worship – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEeBo1fwzKU>)

SHOW HIS LOVE

JUDE 1:17-25

¹⁷ But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted. ¹⁸ They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires. ¹⁹ These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them.

²⁰ But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, ²¹ and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.

²² And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. ²³ Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

²⁴ Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

²⁵ All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Jude. (reading all 25 verses at least once per week will give you a broader understanding for this series) What questions immediately come to mind?
2. Why do you think this last section begins with the word "But"? (v 17) How/Where do you see scoffers in our world today? Do you have friends/family that fit that description? How do we treat those who fall into that category? Is being silent ok? When? Why? Why not?
3. In verse 19, how does Jude describe "scoffers?" Note what Paul says in Romans 8:1-14. How is Jude describing the same phenomenon? What is different between natural/fleshly/sinful inclinations and those of the Spirit? What does it mean that the Spirit isn't in someone?

4. In verses 20-21 Jude lists ways to go against false teachers. What are they? What part of that challenges you? In verses 22-23 Jude says we should respond to those troubled or led astray by false teachers in a certain way. What part of that challenges or encourages you?
5. Jude's insistence in this brief letter on God's authority to judge eternally is strong & serious. Does it take away from God's love if there is a Hell? Why/not? Jesus' teaching & preaching assumed Hell & being separated from God eternally. Paul taught that there were those who would "perish." The bulk of New Testament teaching indicates that apart from Jesus Christ there is no salvation but there is punishment, judgment & God's wrath. Even if that was a small portion of the Bible's message, why would we need to be clear about its reality? How does that reality encourage you in your witness to others & increase the urgency for it?
6. In this final section: What does Jude say God will do? How will he do it? Through what means will He do it? When is it promised God will do it?
7. List what Jude says here about:
 - a. God the Father
 - b. Jesus the Son
 - c. The Holy Spirit
 - d. Individual believers within the church
8. Knowing what you now know about God's faithfulness to you in times of rampant unfaith, how will you approach tomorrow and the people you encounter? What will you do differently from now on?