

## ***A Better Life***

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### **How to Enjoy a Better Life:**

1. It is important to distinguish between life in Christ and life on Earth.
  - a. Life on Earth is limited and cursed, but life in Christ is not. (Romans 8:2)
  - b. Life on Earth can be blessed (improved), but life in Christ cannot.
2. There is something that is better than life - God's loving-kindness. (Psalm 63:3)
  - a. God's loving-kindness is only experienced when we have life in Christ.
  - b. In other words, life in Christ is better than life on Earth.
3. Jesus promised a better life in John 10:10. Politicians promise us a better life, but **Jesus keeps His promises.**
  - a. Life in Christ provides power to overcome the world. (John 16:33, 1 John 5:4)
  - b. Life in Christ involves working while we are on Earth. (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  - c. The Lord's promise for abundant living includes His promise to provide what we need for working effectively. *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times; having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* (2 Corinthians 9:8)
  - d. Too often we exempt individual church members from being involved and active in the work of the LORD. Many seem to want to let others do the work for them, like a sort of spiritual welfare system.
4. Real Living Defined:
  - a. Not by taking from others (covetousness). We can take things from another and make them our own, but we cannot take another life and make it our own.
  - b. It is better to give than to receive. (Romans 12:1) *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*  
Those who want to live a better life will die a better death.



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### **WELCOME!**

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon:** *Salvation is Found in No One Else*

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**Scripture Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: October 28<sup>th</sup>**, at the building at 6:30. We will not meet on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We finished our study of Hosea and the next minor prophet we study will be Habakkuk. Please join us!



### NEWS

- We are currently working on getting **House to House** leaflets mailed out to households in the Valley this month. They should be arriving any day now.
- **Sandy and Arthur** plan on going to the Adirondacks for a get away next week from Tuesday till Thursday. John and Denise Kashorek have a mountain cabin near Cold Brook, NY, where they welcome church workers. The planned trip last week had to be postponed because John was tested for Covid. His test was negative, however.
- **Mike Huddleston** called last week and said he and **Nadine** will be leading the Sojourners group of 4 couples that will be coming here the last week of June leading into July. **Kay and Larry Little** will also be returning along with two couples who will be new to us.
- Paul will be preaching today.

## PRAYERS

- **Pray for our national election on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We should each spend time in prayer and meditation before voting.**
- **Pray for Paul's sister Linda** as doctors decide how to proceed to deal with the mass in her abdomen.
- **Pray for Ted** as he had a biopsy on his kidneys last week. Pray that the results are negative for cancer. The biopsy caused him to be in a position that has injured his neck vertebra and he is in a lot of pain and discomfort. He is also suffering from vertigo.
- **Jackie** is in a lot of pain with arthritis. Please pray that she can find the right medicine to manage her pain.
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his aggressive esophageal cancer. The doctors were not able to get all the cancer when they did his surgery, so he must undergo more chemotherapy.
- **Doug Kashorek** has asked for prayers for himself and his wife **Lori**. Lori is on hospice care now. Their daughter Rachel and husband have also just announced they are expecting a baby in June 2021.