

Reverence for God's Name

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In today's digital world, it's sometimes difficult to keep up with the abbreviated terminology that accompanies today's fast-paced, youth-oriented electronic communication. For example, in the "Instant Messaging" (IM) world, the text-message language, "laughing out loud" becomes "lol." The phrase, "By the way" becomes "btw." And regrettably, some people are using "omg" for "Oh, my God!"

This last phrase seems to be on the lips of many who receive startling news. But as Christians, we need to stop and think before we utter this or any other phrase that flippantly uses God's name (cf. Exodus 20:7).

When Jesus was teaching His disciples how to pray in Matthew Chapter 6, the first thing He told them to say was this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name" (Matthew 6:9). Clearly, God's name itself is special. It encompasses His holy nature (1 Peter 1:15-16; cf. Leviticus 11:44-45), His teachings (2 Timothy 3:15 -KJV; cf. John 5:39); His moral authority (John 17:1-3; cf. John 8:10-11; Mark 2:1-12;), and His moral character (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 2 Peter 3:11). To speak the name of God is to call on the Creator and Sustainer of the universe (Hebrews 1:1-3; cf. Acts 17:24-25; Nehemiah 9:6).

In every way possible, we should honor and protect God's holy name, preserving its use for those occasions when we are speaking of Him or addressing Him in faith (Psalm 111:9 KJV; cf. Luke 1:49).

Let's be careful never to turn the hallowed name of Almighty God (Genesis 17:1 KJV) into just another flippant phrase on our lips or in a digital text message.

*"May all I am and do and say
Give glory to my Lord alway;
And may no act of mine cause shame
Nor bring reproach upon His name." —Anonymous*



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: Insinuation

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm October 11, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 6th chapter on O (obey).
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – November 19. We will cancel potluck for this month.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, October 10.** We will continue with the study of Hosea.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – October 29, at Wellsboro.



Have a happy long weekend tomorrow in honor of Columbus Day and Indigenous People Day. It's also Thanksgiving in Canada.

Darlene will be having a book signing on Saturday from 10am to 2pm at God's Promise Bookstore in Athens, PA. She will have copies of her autobiography My Life Story, God's Way as well as her Grey Cascade trilogy.



Enjoy the fall weather!

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Charlie Knobbs**, Jackie's brother-in-law who just lost his wife Nancy. He is recovering from a bad case of covid which put him in the hospital with a possible pulmonary embolism.
 - **Prayers of thanksgiving and praise that Steve and Arthur were able to help Ruthie repair her front door and the threshold area of her floor as you enter the house. More work needs to be done to get the place ready for cold weather, so pray that we can get that done to help our sister Ruthie.**
 - **Darlene** will be having an upper endoscopy with chip on Friday, November 17.
 - **Sue Barry** has returned to using chemo meds because her tumor marker numbers have risen. Pray that she does not develop new tumors and that her red blood cell numbers stay up.
 - **Paulette Frycek's friend Tammy** has recently found out she has cancer in her blood. Pray that it is treatable and not widespread.
 - **Miki's cousin Bobby in FL passed away** peacefully on Tuesday evening. Pray for comfort for his wife **Rosa** and for his children.
 - **Tresa Shirrell's mother, April, is now being placed on hospice because her cancer is spreading rapidly throughout her body. Pray that Tresa is successful in getting her to obey the Gospel.**
 - **Steve's brother-in-law Joe** had been diagnosed with cancerous lesions on his kidney for which he had an operation on Friday. He is home now recovering.
 - **Kathleen** was ill with covid last weekend.
- Continue to pray for these people:**
- **Bob** (Judy Burger's brother)- lung and rectal cancers
 - **Monique (Miki's friend)**- needs repair to pain med pump.
 - **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4.
 - **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia,
 - **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, on chemo.
 - **Brian**, who was injured by a falling log,

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