

## New Sermon Series: Fear of the LORD

Today's sermon: *Why should we fear a loving God?*

### THE FACE OF GOD

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. – 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT)*

Just as God brought light into a world of absolute darkness in the creation account, He brings the light of understanding into our formerly darkened hearts as we are recreated as disciples of Jesus Christ. The first giving of light took place in the natural order; the second gift of light is given supernaturally as God opens our minds to the truth of Jesus Christ. The mind that was formerly blinded by the god of this age has been given sight by the God of creation.

This new understanding which is imparted to us gives us the ability to see the glory of God manifested in the Person of Jesus. It helps us to affirm the truth that the Christ is fully and completely God. It leads us to fall to our knees in worship as we recognize that the face of Jesus Christ is the face of God Himself. It fills us with the purpose for which we have been searching and leads us into a destiny that is secure. When we see the face of Jesus we begin to serve Him with our whole hearts, not out of guilt or fear, but because we now realize that this is what we were created for. We are compelled to react to our experience of being in the presence of God's glory



That meets at 215 South Thomas Ave, Sayre, PA 18840  
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December 14, 2014

**WELCOME!**

Sunday Bible Class- 9:30am

Worship- 10:30am

Wednesday Bible Class- 7:00pm

**Check out the website for Valley Cities Church of Christ,  
[valleycitieschurchofchrist.org](http://valleycitieschurchofchrist.org)  
and that of the Antioch Initiative, which is instrumental in  
planting this new work:**

[aicoc.org](http://aicoc.org)

Sermons will be recorded and will be available for listening on the church website. Bulletins will also be archived on the website.



Bible class series continuing today:

## *The Book of Ephesians*

*“Sit - Walk - Stand”*

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- We are considering canceling Bible study on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> because people may be busy on Christmas Eve. Arthur will be asking for input regarding that.

## NEWS...

- We have placed an ad in the **Morning Times** local newspaper about Valley Cities Church of Christ.
- **Christ for Today** was mailed out last week to about 1000 homes in Sayre. This issue deals with “Why did Christ come to earth?”
- Darlene Elsbree reports that they are settled in Cedar Cove, FL for a while, after visiting her father in West Palm Beach.
- Don't forget to write your **blessings** down and add to the basket.



## PRAYERS...

- Ruthie and Patty Albro's niece, Trish's husband, Kevin Gibson, has mouth and throat cancer.
- Cindy Patrick has not been feeling well this week due to a bad cough. She will be having minor surgery at Robert C. Packer Hospital on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Darlene and Doug Elsbree will be returning from FL on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Darlene will be having minor surgery on January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Halligan's sister, Marguerite, has been diagnosed with leukemia. She is doing well under the circumstances.
- Victoria Ford will be having an MRI on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- John Felt would like prayers for his daughter, Katie, who is having a baby at a young age. Rex asked for prayers for her son, Derrick, who will be making a big adjustment to his living conditions.
- Arthur and Sandy are thankful that their son, Kevan, has returned safely from Afghanistan and is with his family at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, WA.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.



**Songs: 162** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, **414** Anywhere With Jesus, **395** Follow Me, **548** Lily of the Valley, **549** There is Sunshine in my Soul, **882** No Tears in Heaven