THE SWORD

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Psalm 28:7 (KJV)
The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusted in him,
and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
and with my song will I praise him.

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship Experience: 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

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Word of Week

Knoweth the Hearts: kardiognōstes <G2589>

Theologians often speak of the attribute of God called "omniscience," which means that God knows all things. Twice in Scripture, however, we read of a particular application of omniscience that is sobering indeed. In Acts 1:24 we read, "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men." We read again in 15:8, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us." Amazingly, the words knoweth [or *knowest]* **the** hearts are a single word in the Greek, kardiognōstes <G2589>.

This word was unknown in both secular Greek and the Septuagint. It's a compound comprised first of kardia (see Nov. 14), which originally referred to the seat of emotions and spirituality but eventually came to mean spiritual and intellectual life. Gnoskō (see Jan. 17) means "to know by experience" and often is practically synonymous with love and intimacy. Putting these together, then, the meaning is clear and powerful. God is "the knower of hearts," or simply the "heart-knower."

Throughout Scripture, we're told that God looks into the heart and knows our thoughts and attitudes. While the Greek construction is a little different in Luke 16:15, the meaning is the same. Our Lord reveals the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and says to them, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." To the church at Thyatira, our Lord warned, "I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works" (Rev. 2:23; cf. Jer. 17:9-10).

That is why the Word of God is so important. Since Jesus is the Word who became flesh, His Word is therefore the "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). This challenges us to guard our thoughts, attitudes, motives, and all else. Knowing that God sees any pretense, any wrong motive, or any hidden agenda will help us guard our thinking.

Scriptures for Study: As a result of His knowing all things, what does God, therefore, do righteously (Jer. 11:20)? In Romans 8:26-27, what subject is Paul discussing and how does it apply to God knowing our hearts?

Minister's Minutes

New Wine Changes You

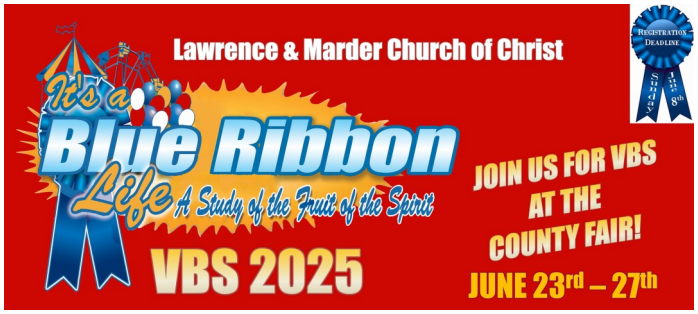
Ephesians 5:18 - *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.*

The Bible compares being filled with the Spirit to being drunk. On the day of Pentecost, those on the outside said, These men are drunk on new wine." Peter replied, "They are not drunk as you suppose but this is that spoken of by the prophet Joel that one day my Father will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Let me illustrate the comparison. When I was young, I had an uncle named Bob. Uncle Bob, when he was sober, was stingy. I would go to him and say, "Uncle Bob give me a quarter." "Get away from here. All you do is beg." But then when he came by drunk, he would say "Hello my nephew. How you doing, boy?" He would hand me a dollar and say, "Go and spend it." When he was sober he was cheap, but when he was drunk he was kind. The Holy Ghost affects you that way. When you are not filled with the Holy Ghost you are tight, you don't want to give, or share with anybody. But when you are filled with the Spirit, you will give your last dime to the Lord and for the cause of Christ and go home happy bout it because you are Spirit-filled.

When you are sober, you are so clean. I'm not going to drink out of this. But when you are drunk, two or three people stand around the liquor store passing the bottle. If they clean it off, they will use the back of an old coat and wipe it off. We are scared to get on our knees and pray. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, not only will you get on your knees, you will wallow on the floor if the Holy Ghost works on you right; you don't care if someone laughs at you or talks about you. We must recognize that the anointing is on the child of God. We have been separated. We have been called out to be a peculiar people, a chosen generation. So if somebody says you are different, you can say, "Thank you." Because you are.

Announcements

- Let us keep all those who have lost loved ones, and those hospitalized, in our thoughts and prayers.
- We would like to wish a happy birthday and/or anniversary to everyone who is celebrating this week.
- Attention, church family! To ensure that all announcements and print requests are processed in a timely manner, please submit them by **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** of the preceding week **to church@landmcoc.org**. We understand that emergencies may arise, and we will do our best to accommodate urgent requests. However, **verbal, written, or texted announcements during the Sunday worship experience are strongly discouraged** to maintain the flow and reverence of our service. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our worship experience focused and organized!
- If anyone would like to assist with transportation for Crossroads/LMCC Food Distribution please see brother Mac Fulbright. Thank you to those who came out to help.
- Lawrence and Marder 5-Year Luncheon will be at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen (3520 Oak Lawn Avenue, Dallas, TX) on August 16, 2025 from 3PM-6PM. Cost is $60 per person ($12 for 12 and younger) and must be made no later than August 3, 2025.
- If you would like to volunteer to help with the 5-Year Congregational Dinner or the 100 Year Anniversary please see Felton Davenport, Mac Fulbright, Reginald Osborne, George Robinson, Gary Walker.
- Sunday Morning Worship experience can be watched on the church website: www.landmcoc.org/broadcast; Church Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. Please "Like" and "Share".
- Children's Worship Hour is for children Pre-K through 4th grade.
- Church Zoom Information for Adults and Youth Wednesday Night Class: **Meeting ID: 915 0578 2664 Password: 859242 Call In Number: 1-346-248-7799**



Continuous Announcements

- Holistic Homeless Haven Support: Please donate gently worn clothing, which will be washed or dry-cleaned, neatly folded, and packaged for the less fortunate. Men's clothing is especially needed. - See Brother Wright for more details.
- Every 2nd Sunday Marsalis Avenue host a Zoom Grief Support Meeting at 4PM (Meeting ID: 880 4065 3591, Passcode: 411521)
- California Avenue Church of Christ in Bakersfield, CA host a Sunday Evening Spiritual Encouragement Hour each week on Zoom at 7:30PM central time (Meeting ID: 875 1387 3553, Passcode: 1020cal#)

What is the Plan of Salvation?

I Peter 1:20 (NASB) says, "For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you." Before God said let there be light, the plan for mankind's salvation had already been created by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Before God formed man from the dust of the earth, the heavenly trinity had already established a plan for the redemption of mankind. Before God beheld that all He created was "very good" and decided to rest on the seventh day, the Godhead formulated a mystery that would be revealed to reunite mankind with God. We must be thankful to God that His love for us reached back before there was an us. In knowing this, we should follow after the WORD that was made flesh and dwelt amongst us without hesitation. Jesus the Christ is everything that we need (II Peter 1:2–4).

Hear the Gospel of Jesus the Christ (Romans 10:14). One must hear the glorious message that Jesus the Christ sacrificially died for the penalty of our sin, and that he was raised from the dead by the power of God.
Believe in Jesus the Christ (Hebrews 11:6). One must believe that Jesus was more than just a man, but the Christ.
Repent in the name of Jesus the Christ (Luke 24:46–47). Repentance is required; however, it is not said to take away sin, but rather it produces in us a desire to be vindicated by Jesus the Christ.
Confess that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:36–37). A person must be willing to make the greatest proclamation ever known to mankind, and that is Jesus the Christ is the Son of God.
Be baptized for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus the Christ (Acts 2:38). Baptism is not a sign of salvation, but rather a New Testament requirement for salvation. The action emulates our Lord and Savior's death, burial and resurrection.
Being faithful until death like Jesus the Christ (Philippians 2:4–8). If we stay faithful to God's will, God's word and God's way, we will have a home not made with hands awaiting us some day.

What is the Plan of Salvation? How do I become a Christian?
The Answer: JESUS the CHRIST

Sermon Notes for June 15, 2025

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