

1 Peter 4:1-10

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Today: September 25, 2022

Worship in Reading and Song:

- 1 Peter 4:1-10
- This I Believe
- Reading: Westminster Catechism 26:2
- Ancient Words

Teaching of the WORD:

Core Values: Redemptive Community: The Church as the Body of Christ Eph 4:15, 16

Worship through Giving

- His Mercy is More
- Rescuer
- Now to Him (Jude 24)

Upcoming Events:

THE WORKSHOP: Open to all men who want to learn and grow in what it means to serve the church. This is an ongoing study that will meet the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Robb Besosa's woodshop located at 460 Salt Creek Road.

Next Series "ENTRUST" 2 Timothy 2

October 2; Entrust, 2 Timothy 1:1-2 Kevin Salsbery
October 9; Church Picnic at Yellow Wood Pavilion
October 15: Studio Tour & Bean Soup at Besosa Ranch (12-3pm)
October 16 Entrust, 2 Timothy 2:3-7 Robb Besosa
October 23; Entrust 2 Timothy 2:14-19 Luke Besosa
October 30; Entrust 2 Timothy 2:20-26 Ian Smith

We are No longer having to vacate the building for the month of October. We will continue our services at the 4H building as regularly scheduled with the exception of October 9th. For Directions to YELLOW WOOD PAVILLION please go to www.vineandbranch.family and look on the calendar for link to map.

Live Streaming: Our previous Zoom link has been canceled. If you cannot attend in person, you can now join us live by clicking the button on our home page at vineandbranch.family.

"I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." - John 17:23

Core Values – The Church as the Body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:15-16

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“That they may be one Father, even as we are one.” John 17:22

“In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:22)

Role of the pastors/teachers: Exercising oversight, equipping, teaching, preserving unity, and aiding Christians in their maturity.

Role of the church: Eph 4:15, 16 - **“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”**

Six joyful tasks to perform and pursue together as the body of Christ.

1. **Speak the Truth = “Truthing in Love”** – To Live out truth in application to one another as an aid to help each other on to maturity. The result of Speaking the Truth to one-another is staying on track biblically, growing up, becoming like Jesus!
2. **Grow Up** - It is in our affection and desire to become like Him, and to help each other become like Him, that we find ourselves connected. It is our relationship with Jesus that connects us in our relationship with one-another. Our love relationship with one another is the atmosphere in which our gifts are exchanged, and by which we *hold together*.
3. **Hold together** Christ at the center holds us together, and by keeping our focus on HIM we HOLD ourselves TOGETHER! *“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (Heb 10:24).*
4. **Be Equipped** - Every one of us is a gift, and has been given gifts to do what God wants us to do.
5. **Work Properly** - We FIND and EXERCISE ourselves and our gifts in relationships in the church, in engaging in relationship and active service, this is God’s design. *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Col 3:16).*
6. **Be Built** - *“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Pet 2:5).*

Application: Which area(s) do you want to “Grow up into Jesus?” Review each of the 6 joyful tasks and ask yourself how you are doing? Pick one or two areas that stand out to you and then intentionally pursue ways you will be “filled to the fullness” and “build up the body”