

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

May 15, 2016

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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What's Wrong With The World?

I accidentally came across this blog the other day simple called "What's Wrong with the World? I have not deeply delved into it, so I am not necessarily recommending it. But it looks interesting. Their statement of purpose says their blog is "dedicated to the defense of what remains of Christendom, the civilization made by the men of the cross of Christ." Their lengthy statement specifically mentions two dangers: (1) the Islamic doctrine of JIHAD and (2) "the brazen defiance of God" in what is generally called "liberalism."

Apparently there are seven authors with Paul J. Cella, whose conservative writings have been published in The New Atlantis, Touchstone, and The American Conservative, being the Editor in Chief. A cursory perusal of some of the posts include their views about the social, political, economic, moral and ethical problems our world is facing. The title of their blog reminds me of a story when the *London Times* asked a number of writers for essays on the topic, "What's Wrong with World?" G. K. Chesterton replied with the most pointed and succinct response. "Dear Sirs: I am. Sincerely yours, G. K. Chesterton."

Chesterton's wit and wisdom touches a painfully and highly personal nerve. For those of us who preach, teach and write regarding spiritual matters, it is often to easy to rail against the sins of society and forget that we too have our own shortcomings to correct.

In fact, it may be true that many Christians, while pointing fingers and lamenting about the wrongs in our world, might be well served to stop, take a deep breath, and look within our own hearts. Our own lives. Our own families. Maybe the critics of Christianity who accuse Christians of hypocrisy ought to consider what they are offering positively in the place of the religion of Jesus Christ. Is your standard of living ennobling, encouraging and lifting our society to a higher moral plane? Even those among us who carp against the customs of the Lord's church and within its ranks rail against the problem of Pharisaism, traditionalism, and apathy, ought to also look within themselves.

What's wrong with the world? "Is it me?"

It's so easy to see in others selfishness, pride and jealousy. Envy, gluttony, and greed are so obvious. In the lives of other people. And lust, laziness and anger are apparent to the casual observer. At least in everyone else. The Bible demands "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith" (2Cor 13:5). Self-examination is difficult. Demanding. And daunting. It requires honesty. Integrity. And open-mindedness. Self-examination begins with a humble heart that admits, "I, too, have faults." Spiritual scrutiny calls for open-mindedness. Moral inspection of our inner most being necessitates complete transparency before God.

The only way to really accomplish this kind of personal introspection of our thoughts, motives and actions is by applying the Word of God as the ultimate standard of authority. "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (Heb, 4:12-13)

What's wrong with the world?

"Is it me, Lord?"

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 5-15-2016

MOTIVATED
to
the **GOAL**

II Corinthians 5:11-21

Motivated By Our _____ Of _____ (v.11)

Motivated By The _____ Of _____. (vv.14,15)

Motivated By Our _____ (vv.17,21)

Motivated By Our _____ (vv.18-20)



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Sunday PM Notes 5-15-2016

LEVITICUS

THE BOOK OF

SACRIFICE

5 TYPES OF SACRIFICES IN THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS:

1) _____ OFFERINGS

2) _____ OFFERINGS

3) _____ OFFERINGS

4) _____ OFFERINGS

5) _____ OFFERINGS

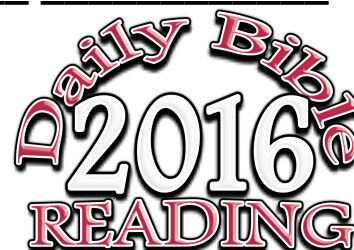
3 THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT SACRIFICES:

GOD _____ SACRIFICE FROM _____.

SACRIFICE _____.

THE SACRIFICES OF LEVITICUS _____

THE _____ OF _____.



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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

5:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....119
Last Sunday PM Worship.....84
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....73

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Spring & Paisley McDonald...Paisley was born May 6th at 11:20am. She came in weighting 7lbs 5oz and was 20 inches long. Thankful to God for a healthy momma and baby!

-Jonathan Gateley...awaiting results from some recent tests.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)...was tunable to begin cancer treatments as scheduled due to low white blood count. Drs are hoping to get those levels raised so that she can begin her treatments.

-Helen Lovell's Family...Helen's brother passed away after a long with illness. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

-Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)...undergoing cancer treatments.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Our expecting mothers: **Katie Angel & Melody Brown.**

-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)...still struggling with his health.

-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...young man struggling with his health.

-Barbara Leonard...shut in and struggling with her health.

-Christian Shadburn...20 yr. old Christian in Bowling Green battling cancer.

-Robin Hill..... battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)...Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Song Practice - TBD** at the Angel's home after evening service. **First few minutes will focus on learning new songs, and then we will spend the rest of our time singing some of our favorite songs. Everyone is welcome!**

✓**Men's Bible Class - June 4th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 6 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - June 7th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 8 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - May 22nd** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lessons 5 & 6 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

Area Gospel Meetings

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Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Numbers 28-34

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**