

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

The Main Thing...

Is to keep the Main Thing the main thing

So, what's ***the Main thing?***

Matthew 22:37-40 & Mark 12:29-31

But what must come before love?
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*Last Week: **Walls, Boundaries & Vulnerability***

- *Good walls provide support - (Weight bearing walls)*
- *Proper boundaries provide safety - (Where we do, and don't belong)*

*Both of these provide **Definition***

- ***God gives clear definition***
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Vulnerability allows real definition

- *Definition brings **honest knowledge***

There is no greater knowledge than:

- 1) ***That God IS***
 - *No one is more vulnerable than He is:
Father and Son and the Cross*

2) ***Who He is***

- *We enjoy confidence in the knowledge/definition of who He has made Himself known to be*
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I Timothy 3:15-16

*"I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household**, which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and foundation of the truth**. Beyond all question, the **mystery from which true godliness springs is great:***

*He **appeared in the flesh**,
was **vindicated by the Spirit**,
was **seen by angels**,
was **preached among the nations**,
was **believed on in the world**,
was **taken up in glory.**"*
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"He appeared in the flesh"

John 1:18

*"No one has ever seen God. But **the unique One, who is Himself God**, is near to the Father's heart. **He has revealed God to us.**"*

Colossians 2:9

*"For **the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ**"*
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"Was vindicated by the Spirit"

Matthew 3:16 & John 1:32

- *At His baptism, and John the Baptist's testimony of it.*

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"Was **seen by angels**"

Luke 2:13

- At His birth

Matthew 4:11 & Mark 1:13

- After His temptation by Satan

Luke 22:43

- In the garden

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"Was **preached among the nations**"

John 4:4-42

- The Samaritan woman and her town

Acts 2:5-41

- On Pentecost (Romans 10:14-15)

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"Was **believed on in the world**"

John 4:42

- The Samaritan city

Acts 8:5-8 & 10:1-48 and all of Acts

- Philip in Samaria and Cornelius
(All of Paul's ministry record)

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"Was **taken up in glory.**"

Acts 1:9-11

- The visible ascension of Jesus

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Six pillars of The Church, the foundation of The Truth...

From which True Godliness springs!

The demonstration of **who God IS**

And His ultimate vulnerability – **Romans 5:8**

- In the knowledge of those definitions...
- We can live confidently in His Name.