

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Jesus is Coming!

- **Luke 1:26-45**
- **Matthew 1:18-25**
- **Luke 2:21-32**

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Who all was expecting Him?

- Mary, Elizabeth (Zacharias?), Joseph & Simeon
- Mary, Zacharias & Joseph – “Do not be afraid”

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What were they expecting from Him?

Mary; To name Him Jesus

- Called the Son of the Highest
- **The throne of David**
- To reign forever

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Elizabeth; The baby was her Lord

- (Messiah)

Zachariah? The same

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Joseph; The baby was **conceived by the Holy Spirit**

- To name Him Jesus
- He would save His people from their sins
(Blood Sacrifice)

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***Simeon;** This child was the Lord’s Christ

- He was God’s salvation
- A light to the Gentiles
- The glory of Israel

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What are you expecting from Him?

- He came to save them from their sins, **not Rome!**
- He hasn’t come to save us from Congress, or corrupt government
- So, **is He** saving us **from our sins?**
- Is He saving **you from yours?**

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Saving us from, as in “**away from**”

- Not from our guilt or condemnation
(Though that happens)
- Peter, Paul & Silas were all saved “from” jail
- Do sins we used to traffic in no longer confine our lives?

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This is all the more important as our culture works to promote **sin as righteousness**

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Gifts given are of no value unless **received and put to use**

- His gift is still **saving us from our sins**

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When **we are saved** from our sins...

- The ones we used to sin with know it

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I Peter 4:3-4, “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of pagans—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.”

- flood of dissipation (debauchery & reckless, wild living)
- speaking evil of you (they malign you, they slander you, the heap abuse on you)

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Matthew 5:11-12, "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven"

What an honor! The cost of not sinning.

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 So, **what is sin?** (He came to save us from our sin)

Romans 14:23, "whatever is **not from faith** is sin."

- Actively, **not** passively
- Temptation is not sin

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Sin is a violation of the law!

I John 3:4, "Everyone who commits sin also breaks the law; **sin is the breaking of law.**"

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What is the law?

Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**"

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Romans 13:8-10, Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.** For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**

So, did we choose **a demonstration of faith**, obeying the law?

Or was it an active violation of the law of love?

Remember, "**On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**"

- Loving God, by loving others

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What leads us to sin?

James 1:13-15, Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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II Corinthians 12:7-10, Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, **a messenge of Satan to torment me** so I would not exalt myself. Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, catastrophes, persecutions, and in pressures, because of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Hebrews 2:18 & 4:15-16, For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

How then, are we saved from our sin?

Hebrews 12:1-2, Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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He came to save us from our sins

- He has already provided everything needed to do that
- We must cooperate for it to be done
- We must receive, open & use His priceless gift
- And He has shown us how

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As was told before He appeared...

- **He was conceived of the Holy Spirit**
- **His name is Jesus, the Son of the Highest**
- **He occupies the throne of David, and**
- **He will reign forever!**
- **He came to save His people from our sins**
- **He is the light to the Gentiles, and**
- **He is the Glory of Israel**