

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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OFFERING: \$1,878A photograph of a cliff dwelling, likely a Hohokam or Ancestral Puebloan structure, built into a sandstone cliff face. The dwelling features a central rectangular structure with a flat roof and several smaller rooms or alcoves. The cliff face is composed of layered sandstone, and the sky above is a clear, bright blue. The text "Welcome to the Verde Valley Church of Christ" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the upper left portion of the image.

VERDE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord’s Church
Part 4***

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday evening 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church – Part 4

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul. Written as part two to the Gospel of Luke. Also written to the man "Theophilus" as Luke was.

Chapter 2 Verse 37

Lev. 4:27-31, 5:14-16 (Having been convinced that Jesus was the Messiah - therefore God's Son - the people want to know what is expected of them to make it right. Because He was the "Anointed One" God told them to wait for, under Judaism they needed to pay 120% of the value of Jesus's life to God...)

Rom. 3:23, 6:23 & Rev. 21:8, 20:10 (If the cost of making good the loss of God's Messiah and Son was impossible under Judaism, it's equally impossible to pay for our own sins in the New Covenant.)

2 Pet. 3:9 & Isa. 59:1-2, 30:18 (Thankfully, God does not want any person to perish, and unlike us, He is able to do something about it. Yet, despite wanting to give us a reward we don't deserve - grace - He will not until we show that we desire Him to and justice gets fulfilled.)

Eph. 2:8 & Rom. 10:17 & John 1:1-3, 14 & James 1:22, 2:17 (We show God we desire that He forgives us of our sins and saves us by following His directions for showing Him so. Those directions are found in God's Word, and they, like all directions, only do anything if they are followed.)

Verses 38-39

Matt. 28:18-20 & Rev. 2:10 & Acts 22:16 (The directions that Christians have been given are to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and then obey all else that the Word of God directs until death.)

Mark 1:2-4 & Acts 2:38, 19:1-7 (God had John the Baptist introduce baptiz6 - "submersion, dip, immersion" - for repentance under the Jewish covenant as the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. But even though sins were forgiven when John the Baptist baptized someone thusly, it was under the wrong covenant, for the wrong reason, and is not valid. Paul demonstrated that if a person is baptized in the wrong way or for the wrong reason, then it needs to be done correctly.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE BEING STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.

There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.

Potluck fellowship the first Sunday of the month – please join us Aug. 3rd for a fellowship meal!

Fifth Wednesday of the Month is July 30th – Any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

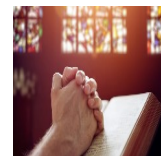
Gary Bates has requested prayers that his insurance company will approve payment for the surgery he needs to alleviate the pain he is in.

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

Verses 38-39 (cont'd)

Rom. 6:1-7, 8:11 & John 3:1-5 & Gal. 3:27-29 & 2 Cor. 5:17 & Matt. 16:18-19 (When we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we die with Christ to sin, are buried with Him, and then raised to new life with Him, thus fulfilling the justice for our sins requiring a human death that was not satisfied earlier. By being united with Christ, we then receive the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit as He did, and our names are recorded in the Lamb's book of life. This fulfilled Jesus's specific directions that a person had to be "born again" which was specified to feature both the presence of water and the Holy Spirit. Because Peter explained how these Jews could become Christians and "enter the Kingdom," he just used the keys and unlocked the gate as Jesus had said He would.)

PRAY FOR



**Diana Landers
Kathie & Eddie Rose
Jerry Harvey
Wally Dickinson
Gary Bates**