



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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JESUS OUR LORD #2 LIVE YOUR LIFE ON PURPOSE

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I AM GOD'S OWN CHILD AND MY GOD HAS A PLAN.
NO TIME TO WASTE ON THINGS WICKED OR FOOLISH
I'M GOING TO HEAVEN & LIVE MY LIFE ON PURPOSE.**

GROUP SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:40 "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him."

Luke 2:49 "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

1 John 1:8-9 "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Jude 25 "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

1. INTRODUCTION: God became flesh in Jesus Christ who lived with purpose to save us from our sins. Jesus created you and me that we may know Him and fulfill the purpose He has for us.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song' | |
| 2. Children's Songs & Story | 5. Adult Fellowship Break | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |

2. GOD SPOKE THROUGH ANGELS IN TIMES PAST, BUT IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME HE CAME AS OUR SAVIOR.

Hebrews 1:1-2 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ² hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.”

There was not a second person of a trinity of persons called God, who appeared speaking to Moses and the prophets of the Old Testament, but each one spoke with the only invisible LORD God of Heaven, the word of the Father God Himself, who **created the worlds by the speaking His word, the breath of His mouth**, who also **spoke to His prophets** through a cloud, and fire, and through different manners of angels **before His word was made flesh**.

Isaiah 42:8 “I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”

God shares His glory with no one; **GOD alone became visible in flesh**, His Son being the exact representation of **the invisible God**, because **God’s glory is Himself**, and cannot be given to another.!

Hebrews 1:3 “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person....”

Colossians 1:3 “Who is the image of the invisible God....”



If Jesus was only a 2nd person who some say was already begotten as a visible angel in Heaven, then He could not be the invisible God who was begotten in flesh as our Savior who is LORD!

Hebrews 10: 5 “Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me.”

God wants us to know Him, that He alone is God, that He alone is the LORD who manifest Himself in flesh to make Himself visible to us, because He as God, our Creator and Savior, loves us!

3. GOD BEGAT HIS SON ON EARTH, WITH PURPOSE TO SAVE US, AND ALSO SO THAT WE MIGHT KNOW HIM.

Jesus was fully human from His conception in the womb of Mary, He was also fully the LORD God with us, the only Savior, incarnate, and He, as the image of the invisible God is coming again!



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Jesus is not another person who sits beside the Father, but He is HE, who spoke as both LORD and Servant from the beginning, whom no man has ever seen nor can see: the invisible God.

Isaiah 43:10-11 “Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. ¹¹ I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.”

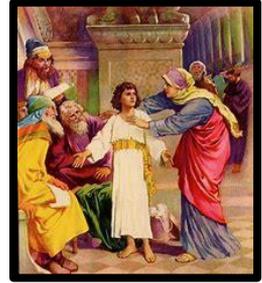
1 Timothy 6:15-16 “... the King of kings, and Lord of lords; ¹⁶ who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see....”

Jesus confirmed to His disciples that He is the ‘I AM HE’, God with us, the God of Isaiah whom no man has ever seen nor can see, and if we do not believe that Jesus is He, we will die in our sins.

John 8:24-27 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. ²⁵ Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning... ²⁷ They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.”

4. JESUS KNEW HE WAS GOD’S SON FROM A CHILD, AND HE LIVED HIS LIFE ON PURPOSE AS OUR SAVIOR.

Luke 2:41-49 “Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. ⁴³ And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. ⁴⁴ But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day’s journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. ⁴⁵ And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. ⁴⁶ And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. ⁴⁹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?”



Jesus would have studied the Torah growing up to prepare for His Bar Mitzvah at 13, and He knew that God was His father, so He lived His life on purpose ‘to save His people from their sins’, and He very respectfully thought His mother would remember that!

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

When you know who you are and where you are going, you can follow Jesus to live your life on purpose, to reach the end God expects each and every one of us on this earth to reach - Heaven!

5. GOD HAD A PURPOSE FOR HIS SON IN NAZARETH, AND HE HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU WHERE YOU ARE.

Luke 2:50-51 “*They understood not the saying which he spake unto them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.*”



Jesus went back to Nazareth with His parents and was obedient, even though they did not understand who He was, nor the purpose of His life. Of course, Mary treasured her son and loved Him, but she could not possibly understand the things that Jesus thought about, nor the future that lay ahead for Him. There will be times in our lives also, when parents, teachers, bosses, and others will not understand what we say, nor will they understand who we are, and life can seem frustrating. Sometimes we may not understand ourselves, and that can be even more frustrating. The happiest we will ever be is when we find the purpose God has for us in this life, and know that we are walking with Him and fulfilling His purpose. But how are can walk with God, and find His purpose for our life?

Romans 10:17 “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

Ecclesiastes 12:13 “*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*”

30 years was a long time for Jesus to wait for His life to begin, and though Jesus was God, He had the same frustrations as everyone. It is by obeying God’s word, and praying, that we also will grow in wisdom and favor with others, and God’s purpose will be fulfilled!

Luke 2:52 “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*”

6. WHEN YOU ARE IN GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE, GOD PREPARES THE WAY BEFORE YOU.

Jesus studied to gain knowledge and listened to become wise until the time came, and God sent John to prepare the way before Him. Notice that John had also been waiting for a very long time:



Luke 3:1-2 “Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituræa and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, ²Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, **the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.**”

John knew he was to preach in the wilderness, but he did not know when the Messiah was coming, he had to wait! The details had to be in place, and the time had to be just right. God created each and every one of us with gifts to fulfill a productive, happy life. You may be waiting for details to fall into place, God's timing has to be right. But when you follow the way of the Lord, studying to gain knowledge, and listening to hear His voice, you will find God's plan for your life, and He will prepare the way before you too.

Proverbs 18:15-16 “The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge. ¹⁶ **A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.**”

When you walk with Jesus your giftings will make room for you!

Jeremiah 1:5 “**Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.**”

Everyone has a different calling, but God knew each and every one of us before we were born, and He has plans!

7. THE GOSPEL OF GOD BEGINS WITH REPENTANCE.

Popular but false preachers today, teach that repenting of sin is insulting to Jesus because He died on the cross for your sins and they are already gone! These also say the 10 Commandments were not written for us today, even though Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my Commandments”! These deceptions are not the Gospel that the Bible teaches; wisdom begins with the fear of God.

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

Yes, Jesus loves you and His lovingkindness endures forever, but the enduring message of Jesus Christ, beginning with John, is the Gospel of repentance that prepares His way to come into our heart.

*Luke 3:3-4 “And he came into all the country about Jordan, **preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins**; ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**”*



We are still to prepare the way of the Lord, and make His path straight in our life, by repenting of our sins, and being baptized.

Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

God’s word says that you are saved when you believe **and** are baptized...so if you believe, then you will follow Him in baptism!

*1 Peter 4:17 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, **what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?**”*

Walk humbly in repentance every day, to prepare the way of the Lord, so you can walk straight on the path Jesus lays out for you.

8. GOD HAS NOT CHANGED AND REQUIRES THAT OUR DAILY FRUIT BE CONSISTENT WITH REPENTANCE.

Luke 3:7-9 “Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bring forth therefore

fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. ⁹And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.”



Who were the people coming for baptism that John called vipers? They were good Jewish folks of their day just like their fathers before them, who it appears from scripture did not have compassion toward those not as blessed as themselves. These remind me of the good church people of our day who decimate other good church people who do not share their doctrine or political views with sharp accusations, yet believe they are good Christians because they praise the Lord with hands raised high, and are in good standing with their local church! Is ranting about others with an attitude good fruit? Is spreading gossip under the disguise of prayer good fruit? God is not fooled when we justifying an attitude with our own self-righteousness. The way we live our lives, and our words, is a picture of what is in our hearts.

Matthew 12:34-35 “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. ³⁵A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

Jesus was not just talking about giving the poor your extra coat, but He was saying that we need to love others like He loves them, with loving compassion, if not, we become like poisonous vipers.

9. WE ARE TO BE BAPTIZED WITH WATER, AND JESUS PROMISES TO BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

Anyone who doubts the Gospel of repentance needs to read the New Testament! Here John the Baptist confirms that Jesus will baptize them with the fire of the Holy Ghost, but he warns them also of the wrath to come for those who will not repent and humble themselves before a holy God. Repentance and baptism in water cleanse our hearts in preparation for immersion in the Holy Spirit!

Luke 3:15-16 “*And as the people were in expectation, and **all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;** ¹⁶ John answered, saying unto them all, **I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.**”*

God’s desire is that we all be saved and filled and immersed in His Holy Spirit, that we might know His love and abide always in Him.

Acts 2:38 “*Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**”*



The message of repentance and forgiveness is not a one-time only preparation for baptism, but it is ‘the way’ of life that was taught by Jesus, and continued by His disciples.

1 John 1:8-9 “***If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** ⁹ **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”*

As we confess humble ourselves to confess our sins, how wonderful Jesus’ promise to cleanse us from all unrighteousness committed by ourselves, and committed by others who have sinned against us! We stand here today cleansed, and ready for Jesus to come fill us with His Holy Spirit and immerse us in all of Himself!

10. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME.

1. I cannot be lost when I know who I am as God's child.
2. I will have no time for anything wicked or foolish when I follow God's plan for me, and I live my life on purpose.
3. God spoke through angels in times past, but in the fullness of time He came as our savior, and speaks to us by His Son.
4. Jesus is not another person who sits beside the Father, but He is HE, who spoke as both LORD and Servant from the beginning.
5. When you know who you are and where you are going, you can follow Jesus to live your life on purpose.
6. When you are in God's purpose for your life, God prepares the way before you.
7. The Gospel of Jesus Christ begins with repentance.
8. If we do not love others like Jesus loves them, with loving compassion, then we become like poisonous, like vipers.
9. We are commanded to repent and be baptized in Jesus name, and He promises to immerse us in the Holy Spirit of Himself.
10. The message of repentance and forgiveness is 'the way' of life that was taught by Jesus, and continued by His disciples.

PRAY TOGETHER:

Our Dear Father, We come humbly before you today asking forgiveness for every sin, and we pray that you cleanse our hearts, and fill us and immerse us in your Holy Spirit. When life is not fair, help us to trust you, and wait on you, Lord. May we no longer be self-righteous, but help us to see things as you see them, and be filled with your



righteousness that seeks your will and your way. Thank you for calling us your children, and we pray that when we leave here today, that we will walk with new purpose in our hearts to live our life wholly committed to you. Be with us this week Lord, that we may bring glory to you in all our ways, **in Jesus' name, Amen.**

11. CHILDREN’S STORY: FAVOR WITH GOD & MOM

One day when Jesus was a boy, he was found sitting in the Temple talking about the scriptures with the holy men. His mother did not understand that He was doing a good thing, and He learned to be patient.

One day after school, a boy named Toby saw his friends roll a ball in front of a young girl riding her bicycle to make her fall, and then they laughed at her when she started to cry! Toby rushed over to



help the little girl up, just as his mother came to pick him up from school, but she didn’t see that part, and scolded him harshly, *“That was a mean thing for you and your friends to do! You come home right now, and there will be no more playing outside for you for the rest of the week!”*



Toby’s mother did not understand that Toby was not being mean to the girl when he was really helping her, and it was not fair, but there was nothing he could say. Toby was still punished, but he trusted God and obeyed his mother and father without complaining;

Toby learned patience, and wisdom, from his quiet obedience that day.

The next day, Toby’s teacher sent a note home from school with him explaining what happened, and how Toby was honored at school for his kindness! Mom said, *“Toby I am so sorry that I misunderstood about the girl crying yesterday, I am so proud of you, please forgive me.”*

There are going to be times for everyone, when your good intentions will be misunderstood, and you could fight back when no one believe you, or listen, but in hard times like those, it is best to be quiet and trust in the Lord to defend you. If you will **make it your purpose to be like Jesus**, be kind to others, and obedient to bring glory to God no matter what happens, **patience will build your character and bring favor to you with God, and with everyone**. Toby discovered that quietly doing what is right was its own reward, and now his mother always believed him, because she knew that Toby lived his life with a purpose to please God.

MARY DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY JESUS WAS IN THE TEMPLE WITH THE TEACHERS OF GOD'S WORD, BUT JESUS WAS OBEDIENT, AND HE INCREASED IN WISDOM AND FAVOR WITH GOD, AND WITH MAN.



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