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via Zoom 11:00 am

Meeting ID: 724 2843 2664
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“I Am the Living One”

Scripture: Revelations 1: 17,18

Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website-

<http://churchofchristfennellave.homesitead.com/Sermons.html>

Birthdays

Magdalena M.....May 27
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Why We Say Amen

Randy Morritt

Have you ever wondered why we say “Amen!” at the end of a prayer? I can remember going to church as a tot and hearing various prayers always ending in the word “Amen!” Honestly, I didn’t think much about it other than it seemed some kind of “official” ending and then we sat down. (Now, we often don’t bother to even stand when we pray; not that there is any proper set position that makes our prayer a “prayer.”) It seemed almost akin to seeing the words “The End” come on the screen at the end of a movie. “Amen!” means much more than this.

“Amen” in both Greek and English is a transliteration from the Hebrew, while the same spelling is also retained in Latin, and German. In fact, it is probably the most universal of all words, with only “ma” for mother a close second. The Hebrew means “to make firm,” “to found, to prop up, to build” “to show oneself dependable,” “to know oneself,” “to be secure,” “to have faith in.” In addition, the Greek usage may more clearly be defined as “certain[ly]” “true[ly],” “verily,” “indeed.” In general, amēn means “hence,” “so be it.” “so is it,” or “may it be fulfilled.”

In the OT., the earliest reference to “Amen” is in the court procedure which Moses prescribed for the trial of a woman suspected of adultery. (Num 5:22). Similarly, when Nehemiah, the governor, assembled the rulers in an economic crisis, he administered an oath to the priests whereby real

estate was to be restored to its rightful owners and tax collecting ceased. (Neh 5:13). Assent of the congregation to the law was to be a responsive “Amen!” (Deut 27:15-26; Neh 8:6). Another common use of “Amen” was in the doxology (1 Chron 16:36; Ps. 41:13; 106:48). Doxologies of the first three Books of Psalms are concluded with “Amen” (Ps 41:13; 72:19; 89:52). The last two had the added emphasis in the unusual phraseology “Amen and Amen”! It was also customary to respond to good news with “Amen” (Jer 28:6). (1 Kings 1:36). Finally, “Amen” is used as a divine title or attribute of God: “The God of *truth*” (Isa 65:16).

In the NT, amēn is primarily a strong affirmation of what is stated. In the synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, it is used only by Jesus. In most of these instances He prefaced some important statement with the expression, “Truly, (Amen) I say to you” (Matt. 5:18, 26; 6:5; 10:15; 13:17). Some authorities suggest that the Lord’s prayer may have ended with an “Amen!”. (Matt. 6:13). However, this is not evident in most English translations. John records Jesus using a double amēn, “truly, truly,” 25 times, (John 1:51; 3:3; 5:19, 24, 25; 12:24; 14:12; etc.). This double use has the force of a superlative. either for liturgical reasons or for emphasis. By using amēn to introduce his words, Jesus labels them as certain and reliable and makes them binding on Himself and on his hearers. Some double uses of “Amen” also occur in the OT (Num 5:22; Neh 8:6; Pss 41:13; 72:19; 89:52).

Following the precedent set by Jesus, “Amen” came into popular use in the NT. It was always used with discretion, purpose, and meaning. at the close of prayers and doxologies in order to strengthen and confirm them (Rom 1:25; 9:5; Eph 3:21; Heb 13:21). In the NT letters it is assumed that the congregation will answer with an “amen” (Rom 15:33; Gal 6:18; Rev 1:7). According to Rev 3:14, Christ calls himself “the Amen” and affirms that he is “a faithful and true witness” who confirms, approves, and supports God in revelation and creation. John seems to see the personification of “Amen” in Jesus Christ. (Rev 22:20, 21).

Even today we use the term “amen” to close our prayers, because we know the one to whom we pray and we are aware of his faithfulness to his glory and our good. It is used to confirm or endorse, to agree with, what has just been said. It also expresses our humility before God as we submit to his wisdom and will. Therefore “Amen” is far more meaningful than a period, a stop, or a signing-off word by which a prayer, song, or declaration is terminated. It carries the weight of approval, confirmation, and support of what is said or sung.



Below is the link for the worship from the Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ for May 24 2020. The Link can also be found on the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ Facebook Page
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB3A7cSqPCY>
[\(Click Here\)](#)



[Tintern Church of Christ](#)

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ from May 10, 2020 [\(Click Here\)](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vX5Cow2dHQw>

Prayer List:

- Julie Van Palestine's mother is on a waiting list to go to a Long-Term care home. Please keep her in your prayers
- Pray for Dianne G. Sister-in-law, Heather Johnson, and her family. Her father has passed away. It was not Covid-19 related. He was in palliative care in the nursing home and had not been well for some time.
- The Covid-19 situation worldwide, and that it can be contained
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Sue Jones is asking for prayers for her niece's father Andrew Heron and his wife Mae and their family. Andrew has begun chemo treatments. Mae is in a long-term care home for Alzheimer's. Because of Covid-19 - No one can visit. Their daughter is Bev Boden, Brian and Mary's daughter in law. Please pray for this family.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1

.....a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing

Ecclesiastes 3:5



Moses Gazes at the Promised Land

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Chris & Dianne Gardner

[2019 Corporation Meeting for the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ](#)

Due to the Corvid-19 Isolation, we were unable to have the Annual Corporation Meeting. We shall reschedule once we are able to return to the Church Building.



The May 2020 issue of the Gospel Herald is now available. It can be located at Gospelherald.org