

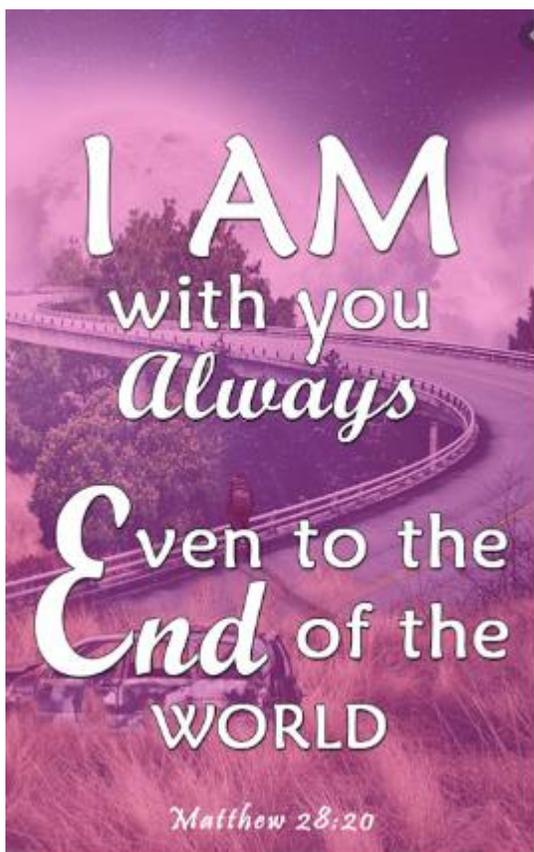


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Sunday Morning Service – June 28th

11:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6585671730?pwd=K1k0QjlzcXBGOUIQN1NoaXpVeTlXdz09>

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“Our Citizenship Is In Heaven”

Scripture Reading: **Philippians 3: 20-21**

Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [click here](http://www.churchofchristfennellave.com)

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The Sermon on the Mount (2)

(continued from last week)

Randy Morritt

Various attitudes exist toward the Sermon on the Mount. Some scholars consider the "Sermon on the Mount" to be the supreme discourse in the literature of the world. Some claim it is God's plan of salvation; and see it as setting forth the fundamental "laws" of the kingdom of God. They claim we must obey these "rules" if we ever hope to go to heaven. However, much of what appears is presented more so as a statement of fact, a reality, rather than as rules or laws to be followed. A second opinion regards it as a "charter for world peace"; and encourages the nations of the world to accept it. In reality, the message is for believers, those already committed to following Christ or learning from Him, whether individually or collectively, not for the unsaved world at large. (cf. Matt. 5:1) What Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount is repeated throughout the New Testament for the church in every generation; and is an amplification and explanation of the righteousness advocated in the law leading scholars to give it other names such as: "The Compendium of Christ's Doctrine," "The Magna Charta of the Kingdom," "The Manifesto of the King," and other similar epithets. Still others have dismissed the sermon as being completely unrealistic and impractical or have projected its fulfillment to the future kingdom since its call to moral and ethical living is so high. There is no doubt that Jesus (and Matthew) gave the sermon as a standard for all Christians, realizing that its demands cannot be met in our own power. It is also true that Jesus occasionally used hyperbole to make his point (see 5:29-30). Whatever applications this sermon may have to world problems or future events it has definite applications for today.

Matthew 5:20 is, perhaps, the key to this important discourse; and points out that the main theme is **true** righteousness. The religious leaders held to an artificial righteousness based on adherence to law, i.e, on rules, precepts, and regulations, on tithing, sacrifices, observance of rituals, etc.(cf. Mic. 6:6, 7) The righteousness Jesus described as true and vital is **internal** and begins in the heart (Matt. 5:21-24, 27, 28 43-48; 15:1-9, 10, 11, 116-20; cf. Mic. 6:8; cf. Is. 29:19; Hos. 6:6; Amos 5:24) since it proceeds out of genuine faith in God Himself. The religious leaders, particularly the Pharisees, were concerned about minute details of conduct; but often neglected the major matter of character. (cf. Matt. 23:23) They failed to realize that conduct flows out of character. (Prov. 4:23; Lk. 6:43-45) Much of the sermon consists of examples of the traditional teaching of the Pharisees contrasted with a higher ethic, a righteousness exceeding that of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus called his hearers to genuine faith in God, encouraging secret giving and private prayer rather than public demonstrations. He also encouraged prayer made in simple faith that does not require "vain repetitions" and "much speaking" (6:3-7). In both cases, He challenged his hearers to believe that God really does hear prayer and that He rewards those who pray and who do good. Those who truly believe that God will reward them do not need to do these things publicly, thereby earning the praise of men as reward.

Another major theme in the sermon is the kingdom of God/heaven. By kingdom, we mean the kingship or sovereignty of God. Jesus taught his followers to pray ". . . Your kingdom come," (Matt. 6:10) and then explained what that meant by continuing "Let your will be done by men on earth as it is done by angels in heaven." The kingdom, then, is the heavenly life brought down to earth, and its aim and standard is nothing short of the perfection of God Himself. (Matt. 5:48). Of this kingdom God the Father is King; but Jesus, Himself, exercises the immediate sovereignty, being the Father's full representative and endowed with all His powers. He is expressly called King only in Matt. 25:34-40. His regal authority is sufficiently implied in the Sermon on the

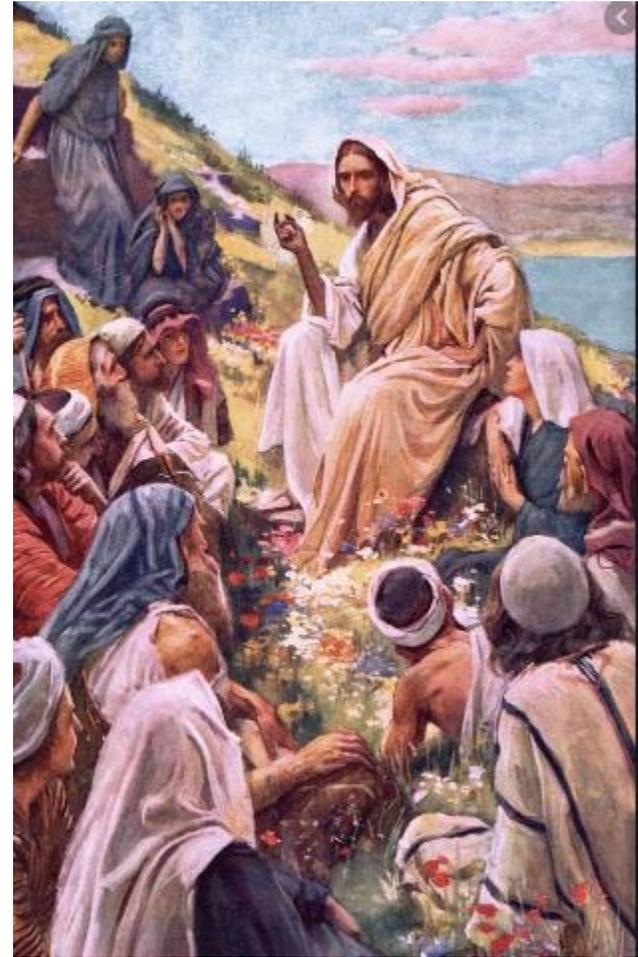
Mount, where He appears in the character of a divine legislator (Matt. 5:21.), as the judge of the living and the dead (Matt. 7:21-23), and as the sole revealer of absolute truth (Matt. 7:24-26). The inward and spiritual view of the kingdom, which is prominent in the Sermon on the Mount is not inconsistent with its identification elsewhere with the visible Church, (Matt. 16:18-19) which includes both worthy and unworthy members. (Matt. 13:47-50) Our Lord identifies His Church with the kingdom of heaven, because it is the divinely appointed means of establishing it. To the church is entrusted the responsibility of imparting the wisdom of God (cf. Eph. 3:10, 11) and implanting and nourishing the spiritual life of his children. As to unworthy members of the Church, although they are 'in' the kingdom, they are not 'of' it; and, at the proper time, will be removed from it. (Matt. 7:21-23; 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50)

(to be concluded next week)



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The Sermon On The Mount

Harold Copping



Tintern Church of Christ

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ

[Click Here](#)

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study

July 8, 7:00 pm

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2019 Corporation Meeting for the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ

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

Prayer List:

- Julie V. mother....Please keep her in your prayers
- Ed V. also had a short stay in the hospital. He is home now. Please keep him in your prayers also
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Dinah B friends, “Kley Anne M. and her husband Rael” are now home after a stay in the hospital related to Covid-19
- Please pray for those who have lost their jobs as a rest of the Pandemic.
- Also pray to resolve the protests still ongoing in the U.S.
- Please remember to pray for Andrew Heron and his wife Mae. Andrew is having Chemo Treatments
- Please pray about the re-opening of our church. We are reviewing the process necessary to open the church in a safe and healthy manner for everyone. We are planning to return to the church services in the building in August. More information to follow closer to the time when we can re-open.



If you still would like to donate to the *Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank*, you can bring your donations to our house and we will take it in. Just let us know when you are coming and you can leave your donation on our porch.

Chris & Dianne Gardner

What would Jesus do?



The phrase "What would Jesus do?", often abbreviated to WWJD, became popular particularly in the United States in the late 1800s after the widely read book by Charles Sheldon entitled, "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do"