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Faith
is not believing that
God can,
It is knowing that
God will.

Sunday Morning Service –

July 12th, 11:00 am

Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 658 567 1730

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“He who Walks Among the Lampstands”

Scripture Reading: Revelations 1: 12-16

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)

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

The Sermon on the Mount (3)

(continued from last week)

Randy Morritt

Through his example and teaching, Jesus summons those who would be his followers to a revolutionary devotion and radical dependence on God. True citizens of the kingdom depend on God for their needs and pursue his interests rather than their own, Having introduced Jesus as calling for repentance in view of the coming kingdom (Matt. 4:17), Matthew now collects Jesus' teachings that explain how a repentant person ready for God's rule should live. The Sermon on the Mount provides examples of the self-sacrificial ethics of the kingdom, which its citizens must learn to exemplify.

Christians today must let Jesus' radical demands confront us with all the unnerving force with which they would have struck their first hearers. We need to keep in mind that Jesus embraces those who humble themselves, acknowledging God's right to rule, even if in practice they are not yet perfect (Matt. 5:48). Jesus preached hard to the religiously and socially arrogant; (Matt. chap. 23), but his words come as comfort to the meek and broken-hearted.

Originally, the sermon was intended for Jesus' disciples and through them to be passed down to the church today. (2 Tim. 2:2) The sermon addresses both inward motives and outward conduct (Matt. 5:21, 22, [27](#), [28](#)). These legitimate demands are so strict that no one can completely obey them; (Matt. [5:48](#)) and we are, therefore, driven to the grace and mercy of God.

The profound impression which the Sermon made when it was first preached has been surpassed by the impression it has made on subsequent generations. The "mount of Beatitudes" has become to all the chief nations of the world what Sinai was to Israel, the place where an authoritative moral ideal was given. Not even the most sceptical deny that it shows originality and

genius of the highest order and reveals a character of unequalled spiritual and moral worth. The many parallels and resemblances to this sermon pointed out from rabbinical writings, enhance, rather than detract from, its unique character.

In [Matthew 5:1-2](#) there are two clues to the real significance of the Sermon on the Mount. The first is that Jesus began to teach "when he had sat down." Often a Jewish Rabbi gave instruction when he was standing or strolling about; but his really official teaching was done when he had taken his seat. We still speak of a professor's chair or of the Pope speaking "ex cathedra", from his seat/chair, when making an official, authoritative pronouncement as if he was speaking for God. The very suggestion that Jesus sat down to teach his disciples is the indication that this teaching is central and official. Secondly, Matthew goes on to say that "when he had opened his mouth, he taught them." In Greek, this phrase has a double significance. It is used of a solemn, grave, and dignified utterance such as an oracle. Also, it is used of an intimate, personal teaching when one is really opening up and fully pouring out his or her heart and mind. The very use of this phrase indicates that the material in the Sermon on the Mount is no chance piece of teaching.

The Sermon ends with a short parable stressing the importance of practicing what has just been taught (Matt. 7:24-27) and an expression of the crowd's amazement at his authority. (Matt. 7:28, 29) He spoke, not as a scribe dependent on tradition, nor even as a prophet prefacing his words with a 'Thus saith the Lord,' but as one possessed of an inherent and personal claim upon the allegiance and obedience of His hearers. In His own name and by His own authority He revised the ten commandments spoken by God, Himself; and declared Himself the Lord and Judge before whom we will all, one day, stand and give account.

Since the Sermon on the Mount contains the very heart of Jesus' teaching, we may think of it as being to the New Testament what the Ten Commandments are to the Old

Testament. Every Christian ought to read and be familiar with the Sermon on the Mount and strive earnestly to live according to its teachings. This is the ideal ethic for which believers must strive

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

JOHN 10



The Good Shepherd

Phillip Medhurst



Tintern Church of Christ

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

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study

July 15, 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.
- 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.
- Dianne G mother was in the hospital this past week. Please remember in your prayers



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



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