

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Three Reasons Jesus Came to Earth

by Ryan Lloyd

1. Jesus came to serve

Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." As the Son of God, Jesus could have demanded that people worship and wait on Him hand and foot. But He didn't do that. He came to serve people, not to be served. Jesus was not absorbed in His own needs and desires. He didn't go to church to primarily get something out of it, He went to give of Himself. He constantly gave time, energy, and wisdom to people. His eyes, ears, and heart were constantly attentive to the needs of others. Jesus came to earth to serve with compassion, dignity, and grace.

2. Jesus came to seek and save the lost

Isaiah 53:6, "All of us like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Like lost sheep who wander away from the Shepherd, we are spiritually lost. Our sins separate us from our Creator, God. Yet Luke 19:10 tells us, "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus came to seek every man, woman, and child. He offers the entire world forgiveness, eternal life, and a relationship with God Himself, even the worst of sinners.

3. Jesus came to give His life a ransom for many

Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Because of our sin, we all deserve death. But Jesus came to take the punishment for our sins. He died on the cross as a ransom, a substitute for us. God offers forgiveness and eternal life to anyone who will hear and believe His Word, confess Jesus is the Son of God, repent and turn from sin, be baptized into Christ, and remain faithful till the end.

Why did Jesus come to earth? He came to serve others, to seek and to save the lost, and to give his life a ransom for sinners. Have you accepted His forgiveness and obeyed the gospel to save you?

Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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A Place to Belong

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- Ladies Christmas party is tomorrow night at 6pm. Please bring a pass around gift.
- We will celebrate the birth of Christ with a service on Dec. 25. There will be no classes and worship will begin at 10:15am.
- Cleve Weaver's stent surgery went well. He is now home and recovering well. Please keep him and Darla in your prayers.
- Son Lamb & Rachel Phillips Memorial Contribution: Joe & Holly Cooper
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Paul Rowland

CLOSING PRAYER Rusty Treat



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Self-Improvement Requires a Better Model

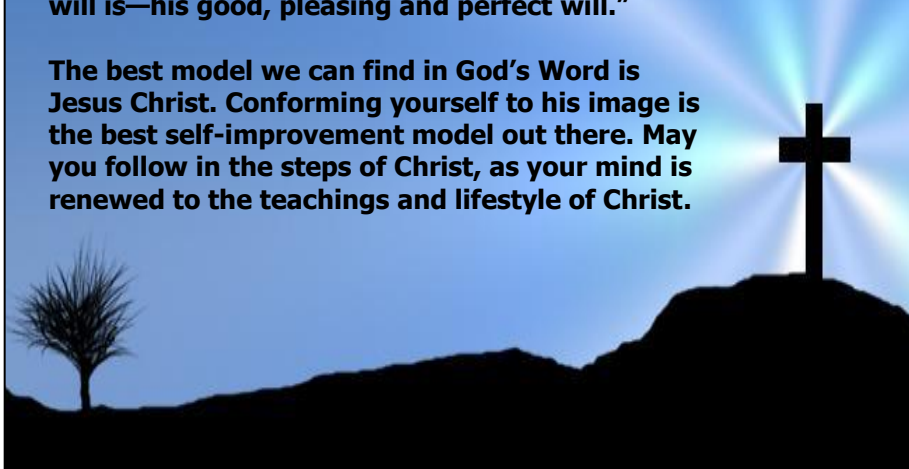
via Bulletin Digest

Regarding improvement, Oliver Goldsmith once said, *"People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after."* How true!

That's why God gave us the perfect model to follow in Romans 8:29, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

God also gave us the perfect model to avoid and to further embrace in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

The best model we can find in God's Word is Jesus Christ. Conforming yourself to his image is the best self-improvement model out there. May you follow in the steps of Christ, as your mind is renewed to the teachings and lifestyle of Christ.



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
Peggy Beebe 8 th	Roger Humphrey 10 th	Katelyn Moser 12 th
Shelby Qualls 14 th	Paulette Jubela 14 th	Rachel Claxton 14 th
Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th	Shirley Guiltner 22 nd
Rose Irvin 24 th	Darla Weaver 24 th	Deedra Adkisson 28 th
Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2nd

John 18:37-38, "Pilate said to Jesus, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"