

*The Church of Christ*



**MESSENGER**

Journeying together through the trials of life, with no less than our very most, to eternity!

**Adorning the Doctrine of God(2)**

**by Glen Elliott**

According to Daniel B. Wallace, two-thirds of the world’s population were slaves in the days of the Roman Empire. Estimates are as high as two to three million slaves living in Italy in the first century. It is not surprising, then, to read words from the inspired text directed toward those who were slaves. One such text is found in Titus 2:9-10, where Paul writes his fellow worker, saying, “Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.”

In a recent article, we mentioned that adorn is from COSMEO, the word from which we get cosmetics. The doctrine of God is adorned (beautified) by Christians who show “all good faith” in following the teaching of God “in every respect.” Adorn is a secondary meaning of COSMEO which is consistently used by translators to convey the meaning of the word in Titus 2:10.

However, the primary and underlying meaning of COSMEO is to put in order or to arrange. This relates more to cosmos, a word drawing our attention to the Beginning. The Scripture tells us that “The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep...” (Gen. 1:2-3). The cosmos was not, as yet, adorned. Essential to creating the beauty of the cosmos, as seen in the six days of creation, was putting all things together in an orderly manner. In reading about the Creation in the opening chapters of Genesis,

*Prayers & Praise*

Do you have someone to remember in our prayers? Or something you are rejoicing about?

*Beth’s* sister Anne as she battles with cancer

*Freda’s* sister Judy and brother Jim who are battling with cancer

Winona is travelling this week.

THANK YOU! To the Edmonton congregation for helping us through this time.



one is struck by both the beauty and order of God’s creative design. Throughout the process is repeated the phrase: “it was good” (Gen. 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25).

Cosmos, as applied to the Creation, may indirectly shed some light on a Christian’s adornment of the doctrine of God. Perhaps, the reason why faithful Christian living adorns the doctrine of God is that such good faith puts things in order and arranges our lives after His will. A well-ordered life is a beautiful life. Even among those who profess faith in Christ, many are living chaotic lives that show little or no resemblance to the put in order life of one who is following after the doctrine of God.

It is one thing to invent something on paper; but it is quite another thing to have a working model. In His letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul says, “do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (vs. 2). There is nothing beautiful about being conformed to the world. The world is spiritually ugly and chaotic. But, there is something very special about someone who is adorning the doctrine of God. The well-arranged beauty of such a life shines brightly in this world of darkness, showing the way to Christ and the everlasting joy that accompanies genuine faith in Him (Ph. 2:14-16).

**News/Announcements**

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**Sunday meeting times**

10AM– Fellowship/Bible study  
 11AM-Worship service  
 Lloydminster, AB

**Midweek**

Tuesday Bible study  
 7PM

|           | Song leader | Communion      | Message       | Opening prayer | Closing prayer |
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| TODAY     | Sean        | Kevin Brian    | Brian         | Sean           | Charles        |
| NEXT WEEK | Kevin       | Sean & Charles | Guest speaker | Kevin          | Brian          |

### News & Notes

- TODAY : Enjoy the long weekend. The sun is out!
- This summer students from the Calgary congregation would like to come out and have a VBS and help around the church, we will talk a bit more and see what dates would work. More to come.
- Heritage camp (Saskatoon Church of Christ) Kids camp July 29 –Aug. 3 family camp Aug 3-5
- The basement and roof repairs will begin in June
- There will be a meeting to move forward with minister selection on June 10th. If you would like to join Sean, Kevin and Brian in this work please come. Please hand in your minister questionnaire no later than May 27th if you would like to have a say
- Spring Clean up May 27th- inside and outside the building in the afternoon 1-4pm

### People in the Bible: New Testament

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| Andrew    | Herod   | Nicodemus |
| Barabbas  | James   | Paul      |
| Barnabas  | Jesus   | Peter     |
| Caesar    | John    | Pilate    |
| Dorcas    | Martha  | Stephen   |
| Elizabeth | Mary    | Titus     |
| Gamaliel  | Matthew |           |

### A Gospel and Grow Weekend

*With Stan Helton, teacher and president at the Alberta Bible College*

Saturday 10 AM- Titus and the Church. everyone welcome

Saturday 3 PM- Leading in the church. for the men of the church

Sunday 10 AM- Ephesians 5: a message from Ephesians

Sunday 11 AM- worshipping together

Everyone is welcome! Join us as we learn and grow together.

Potluck to follow worship.

### Community

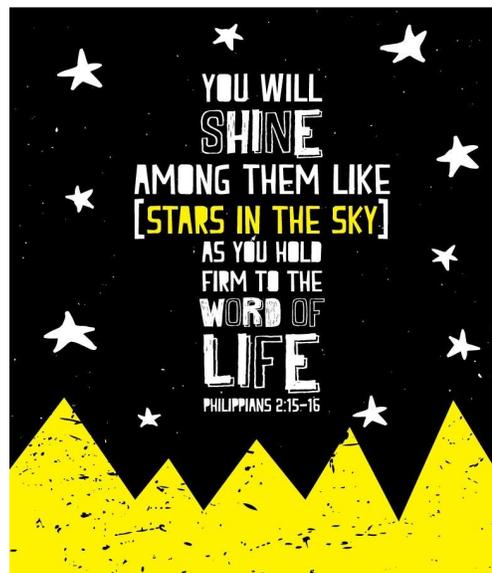
#### Downtown farmers market:

We are a small boutique, make it, bake it, grow it based Farmers Market located in the Fred North Community Centre downtown Lloydminster!

The Fred North Community Centre, 5002 - 51 Avenue

Every Tuesday and Saturday.

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM



### Calendar

#### MAY

Tuesday 22th: NO CLASS

Sunday 27th : 10 am-Ephesians: 4:17-32  
11am- worship- guest

Tuesday 29th: 7pm

- Max Lucado - Have You Prayed About It?  
Part 3

#### JUNE

Sunday 3rd: 10am fellowship-

11am- worship- Stan Helton

Tuesday 5th: 7pm- Max Lucado - Have You Prayed About It? Part 4