

## THE TRUE MEANING OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

We hope you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Being a Christian is more than identifying yourself with a particular religion or affirming a certain value system. Being a Christian means you have embraced what the Bible says about God, mankind, and salvation. Consider the following truths found in the Bible.

**God is Sovereign Creator.** The Bible says we were created by a personal God to love, serve, and enjoy endless fellowship with Him. The New Testament reveals it was Jesus who created everything (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16). Therefore, He also owns and rules everything (Psalm 103:19). That means He has authority over our lives and we owe Him absolute allegiance, obedience, and worship.

**God is Holy.** God is absolutely and perfectly holy (Isaiah 6:3); therefore, He cannot commit or approve of evil (James 1:13). God requires holiness of us as well. 1 Peter 1:16 says, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

**Mankind Is Sinful.** According to Scripture, everyone is guilty of sin: "There is no man who does not sin" (1 Kings 8:46). That doesn't mean we're incapable of performing acts of human kindness, but we're utterly incapable of understanding, loving, or pleasing God on our own (Romans 3:10-12). God's holiness and justice demand that all sin be punished by death (Ezekiel 18:4). That's why simply changing our patterns of behavior can't solve our sin problem or eliminate its consequences.

**Jesus is Lord and Savior.** Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." Even though God's justice demands death for sin, His love has provided a Savior who paid the penalty and died for sinners (1 Peter 3:18). Christ's death satisfied the demands of God's justice, and Jesus' perfect life satisfied the demands of God's holiness (2 Corinthians 5:21), thereby enabling Him to forgive and save those who place their faith in Him (Romans 3:26).

**The Character of Saving Faith.** True faith is always accompanied by repentance from sin. Repentance is agreeing with God that you are sinful, confessing your sins to Him, and making a conscious choice to turn from sin (Luke 13:3, 5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9) and pursue Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30; John 17:3) and obedience to Him (1 John 2:3). It isn't enough to believe certain facts about Jesus. Even Satan and his demons believe in the true God (James 2:19), but they don't love and obey Him. True saving faith always responds in obedience (Ephesians 2:10).

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*If you would like to speak to someone about becoming a Christian or would like to know more about the ministries at Palmdale Community Church, it would be our great joy to speak with you.*



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## January 20, 2019

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Palmdale Community Church exists to communicate the good news of the risen Jesus Christ. Our goals are to make disciples of Jesus, love one another, and live with an eternal perspective.

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Sunday School and Adult Care Groups 9:30 - 10:30AM

Sunday Worship Service 10:45AM-12:15pm  
Child Care and Children's Church available for Nursery-6th Grade

**Website: [www.palmdalecc.org](http://www.palmdalecc.org)**

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# Weekly Announcements

## **WELCOME to Palmdale Community Church**

We are delighted that you are here! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out a green Connection Card and hand it to an usher. Green Connection Cards may be used by all to communicate a praise report or a prayer request and also to indicate an interest in volunteering in a ministry at PCC.

## **Missionaries of the Month**

Matt and Tori Jansson

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## **Elder Meeting**

Let's lift up our Elders in prayer today as they have their monthly meeting after our Worship service.

## **Wednesday Night Ministries 7:00-8:30 PM**

- **God's Kidz:** K-3rd grade / Room 5
- **FLYTE:** 4th—6th grade / Room B upstairs
- **IMPACT:** Junior High - High School / Room C upstairs
- **Adults Co-ed see below**

## **PCC Men of Action 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Breakfast Kickoff Meeting**

Saturday January 26, 7:30–9:00 AM

Join us as we share breakfast and Christian fellowship. We will be discussing the 2019 Calendar of events. Also, we will share opportunities for service to our community and church. Stop by at the signup desk to let us know you will be attending.

## **Save the Date.**

We will be having a Ladies Spring Brunch March 23.

# He Delivered Him Over

Pastor Dean

John 19:12-16

**You are encouraged to come Wednesdays and grow in the knowledge of God's Word with us!**

**The Prophet Study for Adults:** *(AM and PM classes available)*

This week we will study "Prophetology, Part 2".

Pastor Dean continues teaching about prophets and prophecy in general before we begin the study of the minor prophets in a few weeks. Info available at the back table.

**10:00-11:30 AM/Classroom A & 7:00-8:30 PM/Sanctuary**