

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).

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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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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SERVICE TIMES

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

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

Tim and Elisa Skinner

Email: elisa.skinner@frontierventures.org

Ladies Potluck Brunch—Bring a Friend

Saturday March 23, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM. Sign up today at the back table to attend and for potluck items to bring. Questions please see, Anne Mahnke, Donna Ownbey or Kathy Whitehall.

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

Pastors Prayer Partners

Join Pastor Dean as we pray for the ministries and people of PCC on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM in the Library.

Join us Wednesdays and grow in the knowledge of God's Word!

THE PROPHETS Study for Adults: Choose your time!

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

This week Pastor Dean will teach about the book of *Jonah*. Prepare by reading *Jonah* and the corresponding chapter in our class book

The Hidden Prophets of the Bible.

Information and past note sheets are available
at the table in the Sanctuary foyer.

Recorded audio lessons on **THE PROPHETS** by Pastor Dean
are available at www.palmdalecc.org/sermons .

The King and Worshipping Thomas

Pastor Dean

John 20:24-29

Offerings Report 2018 - 2019

Offerings Received in July - February	\$247,344
Budget Commitment July - February	\$227,080
Deacon Fund Received February	\$750
Mission Fund Received February	\$40