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Bible Verse

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.


Life Skills Class

Our Youth Life Skills class with Tom is every Wednesday night at 7pm for all Youth grades 7-12.

Don't miss these great lessons that you can immediately apply to your own

Living Word Ahwatukee 1 Youth Update for the week of 2/1/15

Hello Chris



We started this last lesson in our Jesus and Your Future series by listing some questions that we would like to have answered about our future. We then turned to the "Magic 8-Ball" to find the answers to our questions. We found that while some of the answers were quite funny, we all agreed that they were very random and we did not put much confidence in them actually being true.

We learned that Americans spend millions of dollars a year on things like fortune tellers, palm readers, tarot card readers, psychics, etc. in an effort to get answers to their questions about the future when in reality, their actual knowledge about the future is about equal to that of the "Magic 8-Ball".

We said that when it comes to our future, there is one absolutely reliable and accurate source for answers and it is also completely free. It is of course, God's Word.

We took a look at an interesting interaction between Jesus and a rich man in **Mark 10:17-27**. We said that it first appeared that Jesus was telling the man that he must give up his wealth in order to be saved and enter the Kingdom of God. We found out however that what Jesus was actually doing is exposing the man's sin of loving his wealth more than he loved God. Even though the promise of Heaven is infinitely more valuable than all the riches in the world, the man could not bear to give it up for God.

We said that is what makes it difficult for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God, as Jesus says, but it is not impossible because with God, ALL things are possible. We said that having great wealth is okay and it is not a sin to be rich unless, like the man in the story, we put our wealth before God. Wealth and worldly possessions can come between us

every day life.

and God and can even be used by Satan to tempt us and help lead us away from God.

Jesus also taught his Disciples that Heaven is not quite what they imagined it to be. In God's Kingdom, ALL are equal regardless of race or social status and the reward is greater than anything they could ever imagine or comprehend.

We said that our reward for following God's will as opposed to the world is God's blessings in our lives today simply because that is the way that God designed it all to work. If we choose to deviate from God's design then we are exposed to the unknown consequences of the world rather than God's blessings. Jesus said that we will also experience persecution. The world is sinful and Satan will do whatever he can to help weaken our faith in God.

But, while the consequences of the world are random and unknown, we can know for certain that God's plan for our future can **only be good** and it is far greater than we can possibly imagine. Plus, the ultimate reward of spending eternity in a close personal relationship, in the presence of God, is our guaranteed future.

So, with our forever future secure in Jesus Christ, we can live our lives for God each day and absolutely know our future with total confidence living a blessed life full of God's favor and grace with God's promise of eternity in His presence.

We said that we may not know all the details about our future but, with God, we know for sure that it will be amazing.

We hope you enjoyed our series about Jesus and Your Future and we pray that it helps you to be confident in the amazing future that God has planned for you.

Upcoming Events

Mark this date on your calendar!

Coming up Friday, March 27, 2015 - Join us when we go see the new movie "Do you Believe?" followed by an overnight **"lock-in" at LWA**. More details to come. Check out the official trailer below.

Parents, please let us know if you would be interested in being a

chaperone for either the movie or the lock-in or for both.

Note: Michelle and I just saw a special screening of this and it was truly awesome! I can't wait to go with our group!



Official Trailer

Bible verses referenced in this week's lesson: Mark 10:17-31

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

Chris & Michelle Miller
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