



### SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM — Adult Sunday School** — Main Auditorium  
**11:00 AM — Worship Service** — Main Auditorium  
**11:00 AM — Children's Church & Choir** — Aux Bldg  
Ages 6-11/until conclusion of Worship Service  
**11:00 AM — Nursery** — Auxiliary Building  
Ages 0-5/until conclusion of Worship service  
*Children under 2 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent or older family member.*

### TUESDAY

- 7:30 PM — Prayer Service** — Auxiliary Building  
All are welcome. There are many needs for which to seek God.  
**8:00 PM — San Mateo Bible Study**  
Call Chuck Kabala at (650) 358-9212 for information.

### THURSDAY

- 7:30 PM — Women's Theology Class**  
**7:30 PM — Redwood City Bible Study**  
819 Palm Ave. Apt. #2, Redwood City, CA  
Call Paul (650) 771-6468

### FRIDAY

- 8:30 PM — Friday Night Bible Study** — Worship Hall  
*Current study is the Book of 1st Thessalonians*

### SATURDAY

- 7:30 PM — Men's Meeting & Theology Class**  
All men are welcome to join us at for Study  
Come early to help Set-up for Sunday Worship.

### KEEP IN MIND...

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Pastor Jesse Gistand*  
*Elder Rick Warta*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (STAND)

#### DOXOLOGY

"Glory Be to the Father"

#### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN #475 & #261** (SEATED)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Titus 1:1-15/1Tim3:9

**HYMN #129**

#### PRAYER FOR THE MESSAGE

## "THE MINISTRY AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE"

**HYMN #326**

#### OFFERING

#### CLOSING DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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## Titus 1:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; <sup>2</sup>In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; <sup>3</sup>But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

<sup>4</sup>To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. <sup>5</sup>For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

<sup>6</sup>If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. <sup>7</sup>For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; <sup>8</sup>But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; <sup>9</sup>Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

<sup>10</sup>For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: <sup>11</sup>Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. <sup>12</sup>One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

<sup>13</sup>This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; <sup>14</sup>Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

<sup>15</sup>Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

## 1 Timothy 3:9

<sup>9</sup>Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

*"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."*  
Mt 4:8-9

## "SHOW ME"

I am often asked by people to show them in the bible where there is a specific verse that says to do or not to do a things. I understand . However, this is really TELLING also. Because it can actually demonstrates that such a person has not properly or thoroughly understood union with Christ. Sure there are specific verses about what we should and should not do. But often they are principles rooted in the gospel of His glory! 1 Cor 10:31

That is not how a grounded Christians should think. "Does this Honor Christ? Does this advance His glory ? I am His and He is mine. I live for His honor!

If you do your research you will find that the history of Halloween, is rooted in Catholic syncretism, pagan harvest festivals, and ultimately Wicca, witches, and demonic celebration that the world is glad to worship the dead. Dead things. Idols, images, icons etc.

## "What about an alternative festival?"

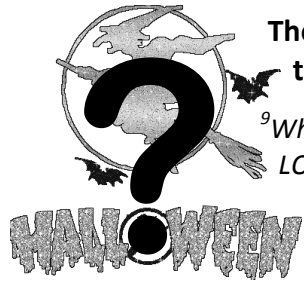
Many Christian Churches do that. But let's be frank. There are Christian night clubs and Christians bars. There are all sorts of Christian fillers. This too is telling!

How about PRAYER that night. This is really a warfare. Eph 6:12-19

The costumes that the children are wearing actually become their lifestyles before long. Bible reading, listening to a good message before bed. Talk to the children about the blessings of God. Fix a pie,

some home made goodies and let them know that God is Great, Good, and Ready to save lost people like them who wish to "put on a mask instead of Christ".





**The very fact that Christians struggle with this makes it a temptation for sure.**

<sup>9</sup>When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup>There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, <sup>11</sup>Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

Deut 18:9-11

**Does it glorify God? Does it honor Christ? Does it advance the truth?**

<sup>20</sup>But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. <sup>21</sup>Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. <sup>22</sup>Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

1 Cor 10:20-22

**Are you promoting light or darkness? Is the atmosphere and event an accurate reflection of the true nature of things? Or is it promoting a lie?**

*The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

Rom 13:12

**What is the virtue of abstaining from such pagan holidays?**

A love for Christ. A devotion to Christ. And a contentment with Christ. THIS IS THE REAL ISSUE!!!! "But Sanctify the Lord in your heart and be ready" 1 Pet 3:15

I think that many professing believers do not find that level of devotion and contentment to Christ that allows them to readily see the devil and his seductive allurements seeking to provoke them to honor him and dishonor Christ.

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### **The Need to Plead Guilty**

*"If We confess our sins"*

Without confession there is no salvation. The love of God towards sinners is infinite. The readiness of Christ to receive sinners is unbounded. The blood of Christ can cleanse away all sin. But we must "plead guilty" before God can declare us innocent. We must acknowledge that we surrender at discretion before we can be pardoned and let go free. Sins that are known and not confessed, are sins that are not forgiven. They are yet upon us, and daily sinking us nearer to hell.

~ JC Ryle

*This is not as in the Catholic order. Where men and women delusionally believe that a mere acknowledgment to another man will absolve their guilt and sin. No!*

*Gospel confession is a matter of the heart, by a revelation of it's wretched self and deeds in the light of Christ's glory and perfection, penitently crying out, "I am sinful, and in need of full remission, pardon, grace and mercy, continually, from HIM, Alone!" PJ*



## "The Ministry and a Good Conscience"

### Titus 1:1-15/1Tim3:9

#### 1. **Four witnesses to His integrity:**

- (a) His family vs2
- (b) The World vs.1Tim 3:7
- (c) The Church leadership
- (d) His own conscience- The court room of God: 4 verses- Rom 9:1/ 2cor 1:12/ 4:2/ 1tim 1:5/ 3:9/ Heb 13:18/ 1Thess 2:1-5

#### 2. **The mysteries of the Kingdom:** 1 Tim3:9 /

- (a) The mystery of preaching, Mrk 4:3/ John 4:36/ Gal 6:8 /
- (b) of salvation, John 3:3-5 / Ezekiel 37:8-10/2Kg5:10-14/
- (c) of Christ, 1tim3:16 / Isa 52:13/ (d) Of the cross 1cor 2:5-9 / John 12:31/ Luke 23:34
- (d) Reward, 1cor 3: 12-15/2cor 5:10/2tim4:8/Rev 11:18/

#### 3. **Living it by Faith:** vs9 / 2cor 4:13;5:7 Luke 12:42-46

**Reflection:** A good conscience believes the gospel! And it relies on it's promises. The gospel is the well from which faith drinks and lives.



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