

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, July 15, 2018)

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God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.(John 3:16) This week we will be dealing with an alternative faith-style that has ancient roots. The concepts of reincarnation and karma were developed before the birth of Jesus Christ. IN today's world, they form the basis of yet, another “Mystery Religion” that sometimes greatly resembles their Hindu roots and sometimes does not.

The single, most important thing I take away from my study of this topic is that there is a lot we do not know, but we are very safe in believing that God surely understands. We are not required to go to battle against religions we do not believe to be true, we are asked to share OUR truths. The Holy Spirit will make up the difference. We are called to raise our children as Christians and to reinforce our faith in every way possible. Christianity is a faith based on grace, undeserved grace and not on our abilities and powers as human beings.

Read this scripture : Hebrews 10:11-25

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ* had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, ¹³and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds’,

¹⁷he also adds,

‘I will remember* their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends,* since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Here is something to try with your family. It may start an important, ongoing conversation.

Find an old table or chair with a broken leg, and place it in front of the children. Hold up a paintbrush, and ask if the furniture would be better if you gave it a fresh coat of paint. Explain that the furniture would certainly look better with a fresh coat of paint, but it would still have a problem — it would be broken. Ask what you would have to do to repair the furniture, instead of simply making it look better. You would have to fix the broken leg. We human beings were broken for many years, because we made mistakes and committed sins. A number of priests went to the temple in Jerusalem, “offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins” (Hebrews 10:11) — this was like painting a piece of broken furniture. Do you know what finally fixed us as broken human beings? Jesus died on the cross, which was “a single sacrifice for sins” (v. 12), and when he died he fixed us once and for all. Close by letting them know that we still get banged up and dirty, like a table or a chair, but because of the sacrifice of Jesus we are repaired forever in the eyes of God.

Pray together:

Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your Holy Spirit power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Strengthen my hope and bless the work of my hands that I may live as a member of Christ’s body in this world. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."