



Santa Cruz Chapter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Do you taste your words before you speak them? It is a goal of mine that seems never-ending. I strive to make sure that the words I speak and the attitude of my heart are pleasing to God. The only way I can know that is to spend time with Him and spend time in the scriptures. I often need to remind myself that "Jesus is the exact representation of the Father" (Hebrews 1:3) and what I need to know is what pleases Jesus. I have to admit that sometimes even that is too cerebral and it is time to ask the Holy Spirit to guide me. Often the path is full of rocks and potholes and only the Holy Spirit can tell me where to step. What seems like truth may be accurate but if it can't be said without being gossip or criticism, it should not be said. I choose not to say anything that I cannot say in front of the person about whom I am speaking.

Tasting the words we speak can alter the way we perceive the things that happen to us. Case in point. My wife and I went to the grocery store and upon returning to the car after shopping, we found it would not start. After a brief visit from the tow truck driver and a jump start, we were on our way to the auto parts store for a new battery. Later, while describing the event the misfortune became a blessing when, with some wise words from my sister and brother-in-law, we

realized that in just 2 more days my wife was to drive out of town to pick up our son from the airport at night.

Thank you, Lord! It was better that the battery died before going on the evening trip to the airport. If I had bothered to taste my words, I would have detected the flavor of my own whine. Thanks for those who walk along side us who the Lord has provided for a help.

When you speak, taste your words. Ask the Holy Spirit if they are profitable for the Kingdom of God. Use your words to build! *It can change the way we perceive everything that happens to us.*

- Mark Penniman

TODAY'S PRAYER: FLOODING IN ASIA :

"Lord, we pray for those who have lost their homes and loved ones in the great flooding and disaster that has taken place in Pakistan. We Pray for the millions of lives that now hang in the balance, and our brothers and sisters whose needs are far greater and dire than ours. Keep them safe, protect their lives and communities, bring healing and aid to those in need. Let their lives be recovered by your grace and love. Let us reach out to them with an open and caring heart. Release the resources that are needed for their lives to be restored." Amen

C.I.C. 2010 CALENDAR

August 21	CIC Family Picnic - Shaffer Park
October 22, 23	CIC International Conference - San Jose
Nov. 12 -14	Challenge Weekend - Villa Holy Names, L.G.
Nov. 22	Weekend Reunion - St. Joseph's Hall

C.I.C. On the Barbie

AUGUST 21ST

There's a Flier out for the **BBQ and Fundraiser** that's coming up Saturday, August 21st at Shaffer Park. Once a year, C.I.C. hosts an afternoon of fun and family and friends getting together for a wonderful time of fellowship and gourmet food. It's our push to raise money for scholarships and other missions throughout the coming year. We have a raffle and auction, games and activities for the kids. There's steak, chicken, and sausage, as well as orzo, roasted red pepper and green salads. And for dessert, all the fresh berries and cake you can eat!

Be sure to grab the Flier and hand it out to everyone! And come join us for a good time!

The Santa Cruz Chapter meets every Wednesday morning at 7am in the Church Hall of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Capitola. Please contact us for more information. Mark Penniman is the presiding president, and can be reached at (831) 419-8186



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THE GREEK CORNER

One of my joys in life is getting insights in my spirit concerning God's word. It usually amounts to getting a single word or impression from within me. This leads to looking up the scripture containing that word using customary biblical literary tools such as a Greek concordance. Then I proceed to do an in-depth search of the word or words. It never ceases to amaze me what the Holy Spirit reveals when I do this.

There are two Greek words that refer to two different types of mind or understanding mentioned in the scriptures. One is the word, *nous*, used mostly for reason or intellect. The other word is *metanoia*, (*noia* is a variation of *nous*) and means repentance. *Meta* means change, as in the word metamorphosis. Part of our conversion and transformation from one type of mind or thinking to another (a process undertaken by the Holy Spirit) is covered by this word - *metanoia*. The Greek word, *metanoia*, literally means after-mind. It's a change in consciousness or perception without regret. The original word expands our understanding of repentance. Our transformation is a change in perception ...we begin to see and apprehend as God sees. We have the mind of Christ.

Another important Greek word is *kategoria*, the word for accuser- the title given Satan as the accuser of the brethren. (Rev 12:10). Anglicized, the word is category. One function of our fallen mentality is to put people into categories in an subtle attempt to gain some superior control over others. It's a subtle form of judgment that is strictly from darkness. Recognize the thought pattern?

True repentance is to awaken to the present moment and be more fully conscious, and less burdened by concepts and the continual commentary of mental chatter. We can look within ourselves, become still, and experience His presence in everything without prejudice. The fallen mind is constantly calculating, comparing, categorizing, criticizing, condemning, crucifying. Judgment, in this sense, is the righteousness of the wicked. May we through God's grace turn away from such a mind, and find our true mind in Christ.

Reflect on 2 Cor 7:10 & 1 Cor 2:16

-Nick Doukas

ON HUMILITY, CHARACTER, & SERVICE

At our last service council meeting, we got on the subject of remarkable people who have served as role models for us in our walk with the Lord, and their influence on us. One such person was Dick Roach, a past Chapter President, and a man who most certainly entered the Kingdom hearing the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant." As we spoke of Dick, we remembered an incident that highlighted both his character and his humility. Having been informed of Dick's extremely weakened condition in the final stages of a terminal illness, a number of brothers, armed with guitars, bibles, and enthusiastic (if not talented) singing voices, paid our last visit to "lift his spirits". When we came in, his smile lit the room and he insisted on pulling himself out of his chair to greet and hug each one of us. After sitting and visiting for awhile, we rose to start singing, and despite our objections, Dick struggled to stand with us to join in the chorus. The only way we could get him to stay seated was to have all of us remain seated during the singing. Throughout that visit, Dick managed to acknowledge each one of us with a special comment, wink, smile, or a kind nod. While we had arrived with the intention of serving him, we left with the full knowledge that he had indeed served us one final time, in a way that none of us would ever forget. He showed us how to be Christ to others, even to the end. Thank you, Dick!

- Ken Gray

WHEN THE LIGHT GOES ON

How many evangelists does it take to change a light bulb?
Only one, but the bulb must repent and be willing to be changed.

How many Roman Catholics does it take to change a light bulb?
None. They use candles.

How many Charismatics does it take to change a light bulb?
Three, one to cast it out, and two more to catch it as it falls.

How many Baptists does it take to change a light bulb?
At least 15. One to change the light bulb, and two or three committees to approve the change. Oh, and also one to provide a casserole.

How Many Mormons does it take to change a light bulb?
Five. One man to change the bulb, and four wives to tell him how to do it.

How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb?
What's a light bulb??

CHRISTIANS IN COMMERCE
BEING CHRIST IN THE MARKETPLACE