



# FIRST CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

*WELCOME to First Christian Assembly, an independent church whose mission is articulated by Jesus in Mark 16:15 when he said "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". Following this great commission, First Christian Assembly preaches and teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing, we trust that God, working through His Holy Spirit will draw souls to salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## Final Judgment

"And I saw a great white throne, and Him sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And a place was not found for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, stand before God. And books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and hell delivered up the dead in them. And each one of them was judged according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire" ([Rev 20:11-15](#)).

This remarkable passage introduces to us the final judgment—the end of human history and the beginning of the eternal state. We can be sure of this: no mistakes will be made in our hearings because we will be judged by a perfect God ([Matt 5:48](#); [1 John 1:5](#)). This will manifest itself in many undeniable proofs. First, God will be perfectly just and fair ([Acts 10:34](#); [Gal 3:28](#)). Second, God cannot be deceived ([Gal 6:7](#)). Third, God cannot be swayed by any prejudices, excuses or lies ([Luke 14:16-24](#)).

As God the Son, Jesus Christ will be the judge ([John 5:22](#)). All unbelievers will be judged by Christ at the "great white throne," and they will be punished according to the works they have done. The Bible is very clear that unbelievers are storing up wrath against themselves ([Rom 2:5](#)) and that God will "give to each person according to what he has done" ([Rom 2:6](#)). Believers will also be judged, at a different judgment called the "judgment seat of Christ" ([Rom 14:10](#)), but since Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us and our names are written in the Book of Life, we will be rewarded, not punished, according to our deeds. At the final judgment the fate of the unsaved will be in the hands of the omniscient God who will judge everyone according to his soul's condition.

For now, our fate is in our own hands. The end of our soul's journey will be either in an eternal heaven or in an eternal hell ([Matt 25:46](#)). We must choose where we will be by accepting or rejecting the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf, and we must make that choice before our physical lives on this earth come to an end. After death, there is no longer a choice, and our fate is to stand before the throne of God, where everything will be open and naked before Him ([Heb 4:13](#)).

## Missionary Highlights

### Papua Part 3

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Easter took on new meaning for these traumatized village communities searching for peace and longing for new beginnings amidst the upheaval. These last several weeks in have been a vivid reminder of the need for peace and healing in this world, but more specifically in Papua.

It is a new day with new opportunities and I am now in an area where three tribes exist in dense jungle. They must share all the natural resources, plants and animals alike, in order to survive. I had been asked to share some verses which would shed light on how these tribal boundaries could be established and maintained even as the modern world begins to impact these distant villages and land values skyrocket. We began to dissect Luke 11:1-13 where Jesus is teaching His disciples the Lord's Prayer while also considering His amazingly bold promises in verses 8 and 9. "Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened unto you." In an area smothered in scorpions, they appreciated the analogy of God outgiving our human fathers who, according to these verses, don't give us a stone or scorpion in place of what we requested or needed. God goes way beyond the love of our parents. These jungles were a gift from God to them and God stood ready to bless and direct them as they asked for wisdom, requested His guidance and knocked on the door of the future.

It appeared that this meditation had been helpful in getting them on the same page, but then suddenly there was a heated outburst from one of the chiefs. "We made peace many years ago with the Maybrat tribe when our chiefs and their chiefs met. Our chiefs cut their arms until blood flowed and so did the Maybrat chiefs.

Then we took sago, our staple food and source of life and they took taro, their staple and source of life, and we mixed our sago with our blood and fed it to their chiefs. Their chiefs in turn, mixed taro with their blood and fed it to our chiefs. Because of that event, they are lifelong partners even though they are a different tribe, and we can trust them---they bled with us and our bloods mixed.

However, this other tribe, we have never had this peace ceremony with them, we don't trust them and we stand ready to fight them over the boundaries if they argue. "

Easter is a vivid and bold reminder to tribes like these that the eternal peace ceremony has already taken place, Jesus mixed His divinity with humanity, mixed His sweat, blood and life with all the evil this world possesses and has brought unity to us and we can live harmoniously as one tribe, His eternal tribe.

**(To be continued)**

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**WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	Meets at FCA	Meets at PAC
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study – Phila -location</i> 10:00 AM <i>South Jersey Worship Service</i> 11:00 AM <i>Phila Location Worship Service &amp; Children’s Sunday School</i>	
Monday		7:00 PM <i>Stepping Stones</i>
Tuesday	6:30 PM <i>Prayer (Sanctuary)</i> 7:00 PM <i>Worship (Fellowship area)</i>	
Wednesday		1:00 PM <i>Women at the Well</i> 1:00 PM <i>Coram Deo</i>
Thursday		6:00 PM <i>Prayer Service</i> 7:00 PM <i>Bible Study</i>
Friday		7:00 PM <i>Right Path (on a hiatus)</i>

- *Coram Deo*: A men’s Bible study and Christian fellowship.
- *Right Path*: A Christ centered support and recovery group for people whose lives have been affected by drug and alcohol addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support and fellowship; in genuine confidential sharing, coupled with a Biblical twelve step model of recovery.
- *Stepping Stones*: A Christ centered support group for men and women impacted by a loved one’s addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support, fellowship, confidential sharing, and intercessory prayer.
- *Women at the Well*: This group is Biblically based and promotes hope, healing, and fellowship for women impacted and struggling with brokenness.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Ministries at First Christian (Phila.& NJ) and the Philadelphia Access Center
- Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith
- Our supported missionaries
- For our Pastor and his family
- Paula Grazulis

**Christians can never sin cheaply; they pay a heavy price for iniquity. Transgression destroys peace of mind, obscures fellowship with Jesus, hinders prayer, brings darkness over the soul; therefore be not the serf and bondman of sin. – C.H. Spurgeon (1834–1892, pastor, preacher, writer)**