



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.

Second Death

The second death is mentioned on multiple occasions in the book of Revelation and is synonymous with the lake of fire. It is a "death" in that it is a separation from God, the Giver of life. It is called the "second" one because it follows physical death.

The first is [Rev 2:11](#): "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death." In this verse, Jesus promises that will not experience the lake of fire. The second death is exclusively for those who have rejected Christ. It is not a place believers in Christ should fear.

[Rev 20:6](#) speaks of the second death in relation to a future period called the Millennium: "Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years." This verse notes three important facts. First, those who die for their faith in Jesus during the Tribulation will later be resurrected to enter the Millennium and live with Him. Second, these martyrs will escape the lake of fire or second death. Third, they will reign with Christ.

The second death is also mentioned in [Rev 20:14-15](#): "Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." At the end of time, even death and the grave (Hades) will be thrown into the lake of fire. In addition, every person not included in the book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire. This condition will be final; the destination is permanent.

In summary, the second death is a reference to the lake of fire where those who are separated from God by their sin will dwell for eternity. This judgment was recorded in Scripture as a warning to unbelievers to seek the salvation that Jesus Christ provides. The coming judgment should also challenge believers to share their faith. There is a vast difference between the final destination of those who know Christ and those who do not.

Missionary Highlights

Papua Part 4

Cutts Update July 2017 -Dear faithful family, teammates and friends. . . .**continued from last week**

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. – (This is the final installment of Cutt's update)

The Moni have a gruesome custom of cutting off a finger at the second joint for a relative who dies, and then hanging the finger around their neck as a permanent reminder. It doesn't happen as often now, but recently I asked some Moni people why they hurt themselves like this. One lady responded that they loved the relative so much they had to express that love by chopping off a finger. Another person added that they would miss the relative deeply and so by removing their finger and hanging it around their neck, they would always remember the loved one who was such a close part of them.

This past Easter the Monis reflected on One who loved them so much it went far beyond the pain and suffering of losing a finger, for He took upon Himself their sin and suffering, and through sacrificing His life, purchased the Moni and many other tribes like them. The cross stands as a symbol today in over one hundred and fifty villages in our area as a reminder to them of the price that has been paid. The Gospel seed planted by Bill and Grace Cutts back in the 1950s continues to grow and multiply amidst the horrendous upheavals throughout the island.

We can encourage the Papuans to push forward knowing what began that first Easter will certainly be brought to completion in the Papuan church, which God is growing through adversity.

Thank you for your prayers, love, interest and support!!!!

Please acknowledge getting this with a short email to us, as this will help us immensely in determining how best to stay in touch with you all.

With much love and appreciation,

John and Joy

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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 & 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

If you are born once, you will die twice. If you are born twice you will die once. – Various