

Fall Quarter Sunday School Electives  
*September 6 – November 29*

What's So Great About Christianity

Mark Gilmore – Room 14

As believers in Christ, we understand that He has changed our lives for the better, and not only in a spiritual sense. But many people, if not most, would disagree that Christianity has been a positive influence in the world. We will examine many of these positive influences, which have benefited both believer and unbeliever alike, and defend the role Christianity has played in the world.

Life of Peter

Joel Busenitz – Room 12

Peter is the most well-known of the twelve apostles, and with his bluster, bluntness, and bravery one of the most likeable. God took a fisherman from Galilee and made the leader of the early church, a fearless evangelist and apologist. From the heights of walking on the water to the depths of sinking beneath the waves moments later, and from cowardice on Good Friday to boldness on Pentecost, Peter's life was never dull, smooth, or easy; perhaps that is what makes him so easy for us to identify with. We will study the major events of the life of Peter, looking at his failures and triumphs, seeking to apply his lessons to our own lives.

I John

Jerry McClenahan – Room 11

During the Fall Quarter, we will study from the letter known as I John. This epistle was probably written in Ephesus in AD 95-110. The author advises Christians on how to discern true teachers: by their ethics, their proclamation of Jesus in the flesh, and by their love. Some scholars have said that this letter is a challenge to go "back to the basics of Christianity". One wonders why this was necessary so early in the history of the Church.

Revelation 4-22: The End Game

Michael Kelton – Room 14

Has God ceded control over His creation gone wild? Will the chief adversary, Satan, have his way and take complete control of the hearts and minds of mankind? As we study Revelation 4-22 and other key prophetic passages, we will discover that the Creator is long suffering, but He must eventually judge sinful men. How do these judgements reveal the character of God? Why does man, even when faced with the reality of his impending doom, still dare to defy his Creator? We will reach a satisfactory conclusion to these questions and find God's end game was never in doubt. This gives us even more reason to entrust our lives to the keeping of our faithful Creator.

James, Ruth & Ezra

Tommy Lee – Overflow

James exhorts his readers to be patient in all of their trials and persecutions. He stresses the importance of prayer in their lives for them to live fruitful lives and to be able to help other who are undergoing tests and trials.

The Book of Ruth takes place in the period of the Judges. It begins with the moving of Elimelech with his wife, Naomi, and their 2 sons to Moab because of famine. While there Naomi's husband and sons die. She remains there for 10 years and when the famine is over, she moves back to Bethlehem. Her daughter-in-law, Ruth, decides to make the long trek back to Judah with her. They arrive during barley harvest. Ruth gleanes in the field of Boaz, a distant relative Naomi. Boaz is quite taken by Ruth because of her faithfulness to Naomi. He protects her in his fields and provides more opportunity for gleaning than what was custom.

Ruth is a wonderful story of the romance of redemption and is a perfect picture of the providence of God in the lives of His people.

We will study the book of Ezra after the completion of Ruth.