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January 2024 Newsletter



... "where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom." II Corinthians 3:17

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JANUARY 2024 @ ULEN



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:00am - Worship Service NO Sunday School	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 6:30pm - Authentic Manhood 33	4 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	5	6
7 9:00am - Worship Service w/Communion 10:15am - Sunday School Council Meeting following Sunday School	8 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	9 1:00pm WMF at Ellen Zillmer's home	10 9:00-11:00am - MOPS	11 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	12	13
14 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Congregational Meeting (No Sunday School) Lunch to follow	15 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	16	17	18 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	19	20
21 9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	22 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	23	24	25 9:30-10:30am - Bone Builders	26	27
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JANUARY 2024 @ GLYNDON



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7 9:30am - Worship Service w/ Communion 10:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Soup/Sandwich Brunch served by SaltTeens	8	9 10:30am Morning WMF at church 6:00-7:30pm Trail Life Kick Off Event	10 5:00-6:30pm Supper 5:45pm Confirmation 6:30pm Kids Club 6:45pm Friendship Club 6:45pm Men's Study 7:00pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm SaltTeens 8:00pm Church Council	11 7:00pm Bible Study at Pat Johnson's home	12	13 7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
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SaltTeens Winter Lock-In Jan. 19-20						
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**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Glyndon, MN**

Financial Snapshot - Maranatha Glyndon			
as of 11-30-23			
General Fund		Current Month	Year to Date
Contributions		\$27,514.00	\$274,826
Expenditures		-\$30,361.00	-\$315,144
Surplus / (Shortfall)			\$ (40,318)

	11/30/2023
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$27,514
Deacons	-\$18,639
Education	-\$256
Finance	-\$4,857
Trustees	-\$5,707
Worship & Music	-\$902
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	-\$30,361
Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc)	\$37
General Fund Balance Change	-\$2,810

GENERAL FUND BALANCE			\$33,225	Target is \$60,000
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<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Building Fund			\$ 19,094
Building Improvement Fund	200	-129.07	\$ 5,938
Christmas Eve			\$ -
Cookbook Sales for Missions			\$ 220
Designated Donations			\$ 420
Good Samaritan Fund			\$ 2,176
Holiday Baskets			\$ 1,442
Lent Offering			\$ -
Memorial Fund	90		\$ 9,193
Men's Fellowship	50		\$ 1,702
Men's Fraternity			\$ -
Outreach Ministries			\$ 166
Sunday Fellowship Fund			\$ 469
Sunday School Missions	18		\$ 343
Trails End Ranch			\$ -
VBS Blanket Project			\$ 515
Wedding Fund			\$ -
Wednesday Suppers	1145	-644	\$ 3,221
World Missions Fund	23155	-10000	\$ 20,833
Youth Activities Fund	1,272	-2	\$ 7,955
Youth FLY Fund	141	-1	\$ 4,154
Special Funds Balance			\$ 77,842
Thanksgiving Offering			\$ 596
General Fund Balance			\$ 33,225
CHECKBOOK BALANCE			\$ 111,642
PETTY CASH BALANCE			\$ 20

*Detailed expense reports are available in the Glyndon office.
Questions can be directed to Kristine Quanbeck - Treasurer
treasurer@maranathafreelutheran.com
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2023 November Financial Snapshot

January ~ Happy Birthday!

Chad Johnson	January 01
Lisa Austinson	January 01
Irene Zillmer	January 02
Tim Enlow	January 02
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck	January 03
Maya Bushy	January 03
Sophia Baumgartner	January 03
Howard Scheuring	January 04
Pat Johnson	January 04
Brodey Johnson	January 04
Sean Buchfink	January 05
Aubrey Lambert	January 05
Lori Pender	January 08
Alex Fevig	January 08
Matt Klemetson	January 08
Jim Haarstad	January 08
Jesus Gonzalez	January 08
Jethro Johnson	January 08
Gene Leach	January 09
Jean Quanbeck	January 09
Ellen Zillmer	January 09
Cory Johnson	January 10
Landon Johnson	January 10
Sam Bates	January 11
Vickie Swanson	January 11
Doug Macziewski	January 12
Mavis Jacobsen	January 14
Dave Olek	January 15
Bailey Murack	January 15
Trista Oberg	January 16
Peter Trick	January 16
Ian Cross	January 17
Logan Johnson	January 18
Jeremy Ebner	January 19
Gunner Nelson	January 19
Dianne Wolla	January 19
Kelly Tweten	January 19
Greg Zillmer	January 20
Jackeline Gonzalez	January 20
Karen Urlacher	January 21
Jonah Larson	January 22
Zach Boehrnsen	January 22
Caleb Dahl	January 23
Tanner Dufault	January 23
Raul Gonzalez	January 23
Fran Jenson	January 25
Steve Sorenson	January 25
CieGie Hilde	January 27
Liz Tonneson	January 27
Joshua Koehler	January 28
Emily Dalen	January 28
Robert Huewe	January 28

Birthdays - continued

Olivia Eggebraaten	January 29
Kristen Ebner	January 29
Bridget John	January 29
Adelynn Hurner	January 29
Kaitlin McCollum	January 30
Necole Dobbs	January 31



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

January ~ Happy Anniversary!

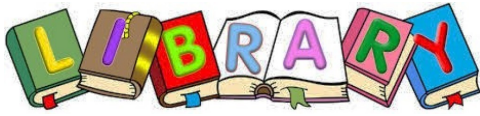
Jerry & Liz Walker	January 02
Isaac & Petra Young	January 04
Bruce & Dianne Wolla	January 18
Caleb & Stephanie Dahl	January 28
Ron & Ruth Larson	January 30



Military Personnel

Thankful for those who serve our country!

Kally Anderson, granddaughter of Vonnie Anderson
James Cortely, nephew of Art & Delores Welle
Levi Dahl, grandson of Harvey & Dianne Dahl
Cody Dravland, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Trevor Dufault, son of Todd & Sara Dravland
Makalia England, niece of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Jonathan Eastvold, nephew of Joyce Johnson & Lila Ebner
Brody Erickson, grand nephew of Glennys Sivertson
Kyle Johnson, son-in-law of Gary & Debi Langerud
Layne Johnson, grandson of Ardis Johnson
Hunter Macziewski, son of Doug & Tiffany Macziewski
Sierra Northridge, member of Ulen congregation
Andrew Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Josiah Quanbeck, son of Pastor Lloyd & Jean
Jakob Rolf, grandson of Jim & Mary Rolf
Ethen Vind, grandson of Art & Dolores Welle



GLYNDON LIBRARY—

BOOK SUGGESTIONS FOR JANUARY

ADULT FICTION: “Fly Away” by Lynn Austin is about two very different people - one figuring out how to live, the other how to die. Yet they find themselves journeying together as they search for answers to life, loss and faith in God.

ADULT NON-FICTION: “God Is the Gospel” by John Piper. Meditations on God’s Love as the Gift of Himself.

KIDS: “The Friend who Forgives” by Dan Dewitt and Caitana Echeverri is the true story about how Peter failed and Jesus forgave.



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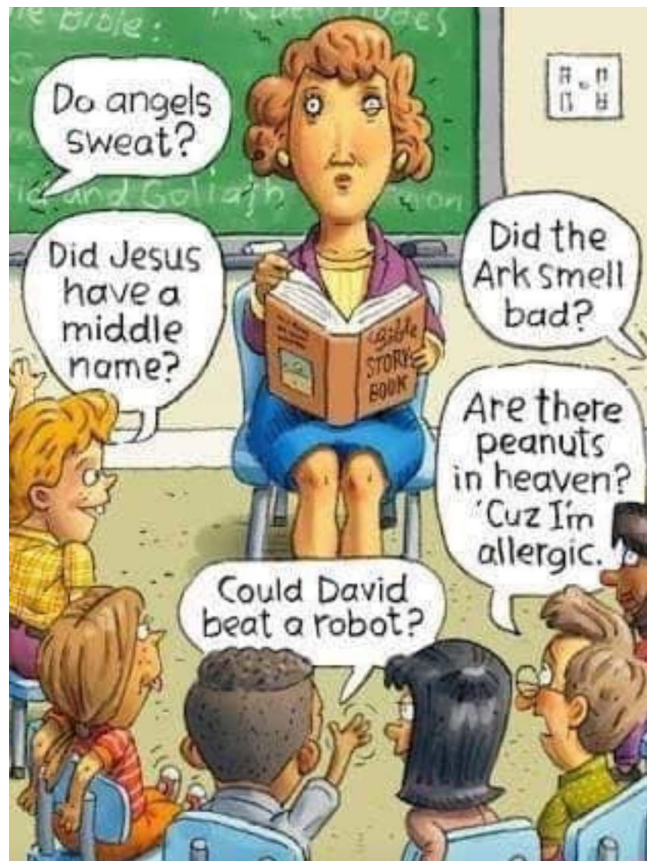
Hey, boys! Are you ready for adventure?! Join us on Tuesday night, January 9 from 6:00-7:30 for our Trail Life Kick Off Event! There will be camping displays, knot tying demonstrations, information for boys (and parents) on what to expect as a Trailmen, and an opportunity to register. Parents, you can register yourself and your boys, using the QR code here.)

Going forward, our Troop will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. We hope you can join us as we hit the trail!



SALT + TEENS

^ Our **Winter Lock-In** is coming up fast! Food, activities, games, movies – all night long! We'll start at 6:00p on Friday, January 19 and finish after breakfast on Saturday, January 20 (around 9a). Bring any favorite board games and gaming system (with church-appropriate games). Parents, in order to help facilitate this event, I'm looking for parent volunteers to work a shift. Check with Pr Ryan to sign up!



Winter season is upon us

Glyndon Cancellation of church services or Wednesday evening activities will be posted on KVLV, In-Forum, WDAY, our Web page, Facebook and E-mail. We will follow DGF School storm cancellation policy, if school is cancelled on a Wednesday, our evening activities will also be cancelled.



Women of the AFLC

WMF NOTES

(Women's Missionary Federation)

No regular meetings were held in December due to the various Christmas Parties for Ulen or Glyndon. Meetings in January are listed on the calendars for each church.

SERVING GROUP I ~ Glyndon

Attention: Ladies of Serving Group I. We will be responsible for **servicing the months of January, February, & March**. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchen—please take time to check the date or dates that you would be willing to serve goodies after church on Sunday mornings. We will also be responsible for servicing other events that come up—lunches, special events, wedding receptions, and funerals. Thank you for your willingness to serve our Lord & our church family—it is much appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Karen Urlacher or Carol Johnson. Thank you.

Humor for the New Year!

Said an anxious wife as she watched her husband fishing in a bucket of water in the middle of the living room: "I'd take him to a psychiatrist, but we really need the fish."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson and said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Adam and Eve must have had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked!

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian elementary school for lunch. At the beginning of the table was a large bowl of apples with a note attached, "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies with a note attached written by a child, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



What does it mean to believe in the sanctity of life?

The phrase "sanctity of life" reflects the belief that, because people are made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27), human life has an inherently sacred attribute that should be protected and respected at all times. While God gave humanity the authority to kill and eat other forms of life (Genesis 9:3), the murdering of other human beings is expressly forbidden, with the penalty being death (Genesis 9:6).

Humanity was created in God's image, but sin has corrupted that image. There is nothing inherently sacred in fallen man. The sanctity of human life is not due to the fact that we are such wonderful and good beings. The only reason the sanctity of life applies to humanity is the fact that God created us in His image and set us apart from all other forms of life. Although that image has indeed been marred by sin, His image is still present in humanity. We are like God, and that likeness means that human life is always to be treated with dignity and respect.

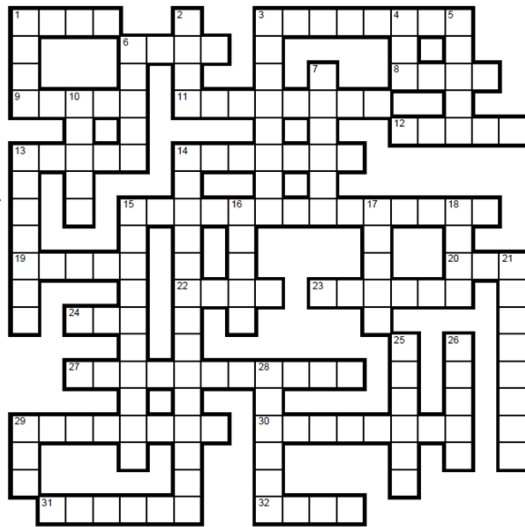
The sanctity of life means that humanity is more sacred than the rest of creation. Human life is not holy in the same sense that God is holy. Only God is holy in and of Himself. Human life is only holy in the sense of being "set apart" from all other life created by God. Many apply the sanctity of life to issues like abortion and euthanasia, and, while it definitely applies to those issues, it applies to much more. The sanctity of life should motivate us to combat all forms of evil and injustice that are perpetuated against human life. Violence, abuse, oppression, human trafficking, and many other evils are also violations of the sanctity of life.

Beyond the sanctity of life, there is a much better argument against these things: the greatest commandments. In Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In these commandments, we see that our actions are to be motivated by love for God and love for others. If we love God, we will value our own lives as part of God's plan, to do His will until it comes about that His will is better served by our deaths. And we will love and care for His people (Galatians 6:10; Colossians 3:12-15). We will see to the needs of the elderly and sick. We will protect others from harm—whether from abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking or other abuses. While the sanctity of life can be the foundation, love must be the motivation.

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ___ log; traditonally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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Down

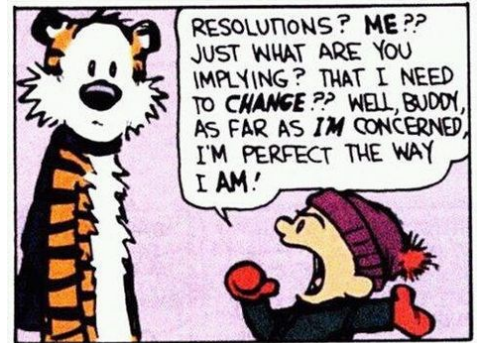
- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)



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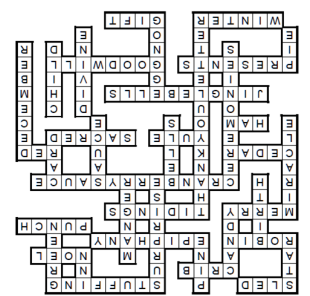
3. Bible Books - New Testament

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| ACTS | JOHN | PHILIPPIANS |
| COLOSSIANS | LUKE | REVELATIONS |
| CORINTHIANS | MARK | ROMANS |
| EPHESIANS | MATTHEW | THESSALONIANS |
| GALATIANS | PETER | TIMOTHY |
| HEBREWES | PHILEMON | TITUS |
| JAMES | | |



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Clue: A = T



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD - SOLUTION

Cryptogram: Bible Verse
 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginnath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.
 1 Kings 16:22

Maranatha Free Lutheran Church – Glyndon Council Meeting

December 13th, 2023 8:00pm

Present: Carla Hurner, Todd Rasmussen, Glenn Urlacher, Bruce Smith, Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck, Kristine Quanbeck, Jeff Ehrichs, Chad Johnson and Alyssa Johnson

Glenn opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report of November meeting minutes was read by Alyssa. Todd made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Jeff; motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Kristine. Reported November 2023 income as \$27,514 and expenses of \$30,361. General fund balance \$33,225 (target \$60K). Financial snapshot to be added to Sunday bulletin the next two weeks and then monthly. Thanksgiving offering going to New Life Center - \$596. Updating church credit card information. A motion was made by Chad to approve the financial report, seconded by Jeff; motion carried.

Board Reports:

Finance – Todd

- * Discussed having oversight of special funds by Boards

Trustees – Jeff

- * Board reviewed utility bills
- * TVs arrived, working to install and integrate with sound booth

Worship & Music – Bruce on behalf of Sheila

- * Christmas program well attended
- * Advent readers scheduled
- * 12/17 Christmas caroling at 1:30pm. Dinner at Pizza Ranch following, Christmas at DeJong's barn after meal

Education – Carla

- * VBS team applied for and will be split with Ulen again this summer, dates TBD
- * Sign-up for nursery helpers

Deacons – Chad

- * Christmas Eve service offering going to General Fund
- * AFLBC Choir 3/8/2024
- * Mission giving: \$3,000 Samaritan's Purse Israel, \$1,000 Nate and Rhoda Jore

Pastor Report – Pastor Lloyd

- * Mapped out services through Advent, looking ahead to Lent
- * Confirmation going well
- * Jore's visit in November
- * Local Gideon International met with Pastors, MHD chapter reorganizing to Clay County chapter

Old Business: None

New Business:

- * Annual meeting date set – 1/28/2024, 11:30 pot luck with meeting at 12:00
- * Pastor Lloyd suggests reconsideration of church giving to Lutheran Ambassador magazine subscription, discussion tabled for next council meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kristine, seconded by Carla; motion carried.

Pastor Lloyd closed meeting in prayer

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Johnson

Ulen Council Meeting

The Ulen minutes will not be published in the newsletter, however, there is a binder at the church that will have each month's minutes available for the public to view.

Maranatha-Glyndon Congregational Meeting Information:

Glyndon will have their Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**. A Pot-luck dinner will be served at 11:30am followed by the meeting at 12:30pm.

If you have been the **CHAIRMAN OF YOUR BOARD**, you will need to get a written report of the 2023 year into the office by **January 10th**. All reports will be combined into a booklet and available on Sunday, January 21st so you can read them ahead of time.

Glyndon Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28 at 12:30pm

**Pot-Luck Dinner served prior
to meeting at 11:30am**

**Agenda includes voting on the proposed
2024 Annual Budget**

Ulen Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 14 at 10:15am

Lunch to Follow

(No Sunday School that day)

Maranatha News

JANUARY 2024

FROM PASTOR LLOYD...

...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.
(Colossians 1:23)

Dear Folks at Maranatha,

About a month ago, I got word that Dr. Christopher Hong had passed away in Framingham, MA, at the age of 97. Dr. Hong had been my instructor at MSUM back in the 1980's for several classes related to history and religion. When I took the call to Glyndon, I was surprised to find he and his wife to be regular attenders at Maranatha. In the next years I enjoyed several visits in their home, before they moved out East to be closer to their adult children. I have in my possession a couple of books that Dr. Hong gave me as Christmas presents. In the front cover of one of them, Dr. Hong had scrawled a personal note to me and referenced the above verse in Colossians.

That book that Dr. Hong gave me, titled Christianity & Liberalism, by J Greshem Machen (written 100 years ago), was recently named **WORLD Magazine's 2023 Book of the Year!** Dr. Hong loved the Lord Jesus and loved history. His concern expressed in the above verse, is also the treatise of this book. There is a danger that Christians, if not firmly established in Historic and Biblical Christianity can be moved away from it into another religion, while still calling it Christianity. WORLD Magazine explains that if you want to understand *"the background of the moral collapse in churches today over same-sex marriage and other LGBTQ issues, that collapse follows logically from the more important and foundational fight of 100 years ago."* A fight regarding authority of Scripture, and regarding a basic understanding of the universal sinfulness of mankind and his need for a Savior.

Machen's book compares the teachings of Orthodox Christianity with Theological Liberalism, devoting a chapter to each of the following topics: Doctrine, God and Man, The Bible, Christ, Salvation, and The Church. And his conclusion is that - Liberalism is not just a slight variation of Christian thought, but a whole different religion than Christianity.

Since in this past week we have just gone through the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, let me attempt to show the difference between Christianity and Liberalism by answering the questions: Who was Jesus Christ and why did He come?

Theological Liberals hold Jesus up as an example to follow in our lives, and a guide. They emphasize Him being a *"mild mannered exponent of an indiscriminating love. They claim to admire his character and His ethical principles (at least the ones they agree with), but they reject His messianic claims, His miracles, and people's need for atonement for sins."* Thus, they make Jesus' death on the cross as the ultimate example of sacrificial love.

Christianity too recognizes Jesus as an example for us to seek to follow, but it recognizes our inability to fully do so, since we are sinful humanity, whereas He was not only human but also the sinless Son of God. Christianity says that Jesus came to be more than our example, He came to be our Savior, and thus He is the object of our faith. His death on the cross was the God/man dying in our place, suffering the penalty of death that our sins deserved and providing forgiveness of our sins. His resurrection accomplished victory over death and promises us eternal life.

Liberalism is based on aspirations, and minimizes our fallen condition. Christianity is firmly rooted in History and Doctrine. As Machen sums it up: *"'Christ died' – that is history; 'Christ died for our sins' – that is doctrine."* So, it comes down this - To be a Christian means that you believe sinful mankind was lost and deserving the judgement of God, and that Jesus came to provide salvation, and He did so on the cross where He took on Himself the wrath of God for sinners (including yourself). If you choose not to believe that, then you have a different religion than Christianity.

All of the New Testament points to Jesus Christ being the promised Messiah, sent to save sinners. He Himself said. *For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.* (Luke 19:10)
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)