

# SUNDAY BRIEFING



## Customs and Habits May Not Always Be Correct

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

Recently, I was privileged to perform a funeral that included a number of Christians gathered to say farewell to an elderly relative who was not a believer. The sense of loss experienced by all present was natural as various individuals expressed their grief via tears and words of appreciation for her life. The service was well received as we reflected on the life events and caring spirit always found in her life.

Once the general sharing and words were delivered, various individuals began to approach the coffin for a last view of the corpse.

It was at that point that I began to reflect on the inconsistencies of humankind when several of those present approached and kissed the corpse as they talked to it. Oh, don't misunderstand, I comprehend the emptiness experienced by the departure of the lady in question.

Yet, I suspect that each one of those persons would have admitted that the spirit of a deceased person departs the body at death and that this lady was no longer present! The point is that we often have difficulty allowing our "head knowledge" match our "heart knowledge."

It is my prayer, for you and me, that we allow our head and heart knowledge to burden us in reaching out to our lost friends when they still have time to accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord!

## UPCOMING

**May 8** | Council Meeting

**May 9** | Mother's Day

**May 22** | Church-wide Prayer

# The Christian Life

Robert Gardner

Galatians 6:1-10

Christians are all being sanctified day-by-day; let us lift one another up and support one another on this journey.

A. Bearing Together

B. Examine Self

C. Reaping what is Sown

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## Announcements & Prayers

- 1) This coming Sunday, May 2nd, will be our monthly "Lord's Supper Worship", please prepare a small piece of bread and some juice for your baptized Christian family members to participate in the service with us.
- 2) Please pray for Pastor Terry Wong's near 97-year old dad, Mr. Fay Wong, who fell in the bathroom and has been hospitalized. Pastor Terry requests prayer for wisdom and direction to provide the best course of care for his dad.
- 3) In-person Worship services will begin on June 6th with the English Congregation meeting in the FLC at 9:30am. The Chinese Congregation will meet in the Worship Auditorium at 10:30am. ONLY Worship services will be "in-person" with Sunday School classes remaining online for the current time. At this time, there will be no nursery or childcare available. Please keep praying for the future date when we can "fully open up" for all other activities to resume.

*Carry each  
other's  
burdens, and  
in this way  
you will fulfill  
the law of  
Christ.*

**GALATIANS 6:2**

## CONNECT

The best way for knowing about who God is and what God does is through the Bible. Though we all could read and study the Bible individually, we learn so much more when we read and study the Bible together in a group. Bible study groups at FCBC PHX offer a variety of options for all ages, with groups that meet during weekdays, evenings, or Sunday morning. Contact us!

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