

he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3, NRSV).

If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"" (John 14:7-9, NRSV)?

A son is the reflection of his parents and he carries his father's name. Children of God have God's name and they should also have God's image (reflection) in their actions. In the son, the father should be evident. If someone knows you, a child of God, he should also know something about your highest Father.

### News:

Young at Heart at Northgate Church of Christ has a lady on their Shut-in list that will be 100 years old on 6 JUNE 2013. It would make her smile for a day if we could get a 100 Birthday Cards sent to her for that day. Some of you may know her, but if you don't, we still ask you to send a card.

Her name and address at the Christian Care Center in Phoenix are:

Ms. Ora Dillon  
11830 N. 19th Ave, #405 P  
Phoenix, Az. 85209

The Winslow church of Christ will be holding a Gospel Meeting June 24-30, 2013. The presenters will be Michael Knox and Perry Sexton. The topics will be on The Fundamentals.

Ella Marie Brooks: Peggy (from Sierra Vista) says "Hello!"

Please continue to pray for Tatyana's daughter Olga who is undergoing treatments for cancer.

### Prayer List:

**Healing:** Jerry Robinson's daughter Christie, Jerry Robinson's mother Norma. Mike Cavazos, Sandy Cavazos, Ben Atchley, Faye Atchley, Nicolas and Annie Self, Douglas and Jonda Gardner, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.

**Travels:** Tatyana Knowlton.

Back issues are posted at  
<http://saffordchurchofchrist.org>



# Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

2 June 2013

## Sermon Topics

A.M.: To Know God

John 14:8-14

P.M.: Yahweh Defends His Vineyard

Isaiah 27

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-5974

Elders

Ben Atchley: 428-2246

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

## Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

## The Lord Saves His Anointed

Miles Custis, Bible Study Magazine, March/April 2013

Psalm 20 is a royal psalm addressed to the king. The psalm may have been publicly recited as the king prepared to lead an army in battle. The psalmist hopes for God's protection and blessing on the the king. How does the psalmist describe God's help (20:1-3)? Hav you experienced God answering you in a "day of trouble?" What is the relationship between God's help and the offerings and sacrifices mentioned in 20:3? How does Christ's sacrificial and ongoing work assure us that we have help in our troubles (see Heb 4:14-16)?

The psalmist hopes that God will fulfill all the plans and petitions of the king (Psa 20:4-5). How do you understand the psalmist's hope that God will give the king "your heart's desire" (20:4)? Would it benefit you if God granted you all your desires? Why or why not? Why would the psalmist want this for the king? What steps can you take to ensure that your desires align

with God's?

The psalmist asserts his trust in God and contrasts it with trusting in military strength (20:6-8). Note his confidence in God's help ("he will answer him," 20:6). How confident are you in God's help? What kinds of things beside God do you put your trust in? How can you remind yourself not to trust in "chariots" or "horses?"

For other royal psalms, read psalms 2, 45, 72 and 132. What do these psalms say about the reign of God? What are some ways that you can recognize God's sovereignty in your life?

## What's in a Name?

Neil Short

Sonship is a central theme of Scripture. (So is, implicitly, daughter-ship. When the New Testament speaks of God's people as sons, it means "sons and daughters"). Scripture teaches that disciples should strive for sonship.

Since you know that Christ is righteous, you know that all who do right are God's children. The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God (1 John 2:29-3:1a, NCV).

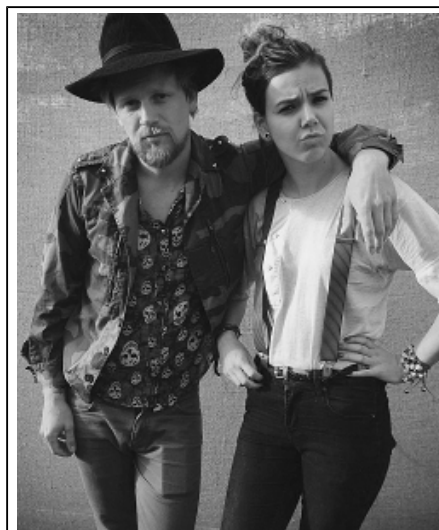
The Scriptures have a lot to say about having God's name – often described in lofty language.

Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name (Acts 15:14, NRSV). If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name (Revelation 3:12, NRSV).

In Western culture, children often inherit the surnames of their fathers. It's the part of a baby's name that is usually automatic. Whatever the father's surname is, it is given to the child. In other cultures, the surname is handed down a little differently.

There is a new pop band on the radio charts called *Of Monsters and Men*. The members' names are intimidating until one understands just a little about how their surnames were given. All of the members of the band are from the country of Iceland. Here are the names of the members:

Nanna Bryndís Hilmarsdóttir  
Ragnar Þórhallsson  
Brynjar Leifsson  
Arnar Rósenkranz Hilmarsson  
Kristján Páll Kristjánsson



Arnar Rósenkranz Hilmarsson and Nanna Bryndís Hilmarsdóttir

In Iceland, a child receives his surname based upon his father's first name and whether he is a son or daughter. So Nanna's father's name is Hilmar and Nanna is Hilmar's daughter (Hilmarsdóttir). The drummer Arnar's father is also called Hilmar and Arnar is Hilmar's son (Hilmarsson). I suspect Arnar is Nanna's brother; but I have not been able to confirm my suspicion. As long as these children continue to live in ways that make him proud, Hilmar will continue to be proud that they carry his name.

It's all about *reflecting*. A child is a reflection of his parents in some way. That reflection is indicated by

the child's name and in his behavior. Is the father trustworthy? So (by extension) is the son. The son is the reflection of the father. A child of God must be a reflection of God. In the Scriptures, in 1 John, it is said,

Those who are God's children do not continue sinning, because the new life from God remains in them. They are not able to go on sinning, because they have become children of God (1 John 3:9, NCV).

Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child and knows God (1 John 4:7, NCV).

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is God's child, and whoever loves the Father also loves the Father's children (1 John 5:1, NCV).

This reflection theme helps us to understand the symbolism of the head covering in 1 Corinthians 11. The woman (wife) is the reflection of the man (her husband). The man is the reflection of God (1 Corinthians 11:7), and the woman is also the reflection of God (vss. 11-12). The believing wife, while being a child of God and having his name and reflection, is also a reflection of her husband and usually also has her husband's name.

In the reflecting sense, Jesus can be understood meaningfully as God's son because he is the image of God.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When