



HOPE <sup>IN</sup> CHRIST  
CHURCH

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A Christian Reformed Church

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Glorifying God by Knowing,  
Living and Proclaiming  
our Hope in Christ

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

Elementary Doctrines: Repentance and Faith

*Hebrews 6:1*

**JUNE 2, 2024**

Pastor Scott Roberts

## ***Welcome!***

Welcome to Hope in Christ Church. We are so glad you have joined us today!  
May God bless you as you worship with us.



## ***Order of Worship***

*Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 32

*Lord I Need You*

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

*Nothing But the Blood*

**Hebrews 6:1**

**Sermon** Elementary Doctrines: Repentance and Faith

**Communion**

*His Mercy is More*

**Benediction**

God so Loved



***Today's Offering*** is for the General Fund.  
There is a collection basket next to the sound booth.

# ***God is Moving Mountains***

## **Where Will They Go?**

Life for Afghan refugees in Pakistan is not easy, but it is about to get even harder. ICR has been caring for Afghan refugees in Pakistan since the 2021 Taliban take-over in Afghanistan. Many of those who fled left because they knew that as converts to Christianity, they could face harsh consequences from Taliban leaders for leaving Islam. Pakistan is currently home to 1.4 million Afghan refugees. In October 2023, Pakistan announced the “Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan,” which required undocumented refugees to leave the country within 30-days. Phase Two of this plan went into effect on April 10, 2024, and requires those holding Afghan Citizen Cards (issued by the Pakistani government earlier) to leave the country. Observers expect that Phase three of the plan will require those with official UNHCR refugee status to leave the country. At least 527,981 Afghans have already left the country, according to Amnesty International. Though this is all illegal under international law, no one is paying attention because of other events, like the war in Gaza, the war in Israel, and an impending American election. Even if these Afghan Christians can get passports, which cost \$1,000 to \$1,500 each, “Where would they go?” an ICR partner said. “There are very few options for them.” Our partners in Pakistan who bear the responsibility for caring for these brothers and sisters don’t know what the next step might be. But the Lord does.

For more information, contact Rebekah Hurty  
[Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org](mailto:Rebekah@ChristianResponse.org)

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**T**he Lord’s Supper, which we celebrate today, is a way for the Christian to remember the sacrifice of Christ. If you have not yet believed in Christ as Savior, we invite you to watch and learn. We are glad you are here! If you have questions about Jesus, please see Pastor Scott after the worship service.

*The bread we use is allergen free and contains no wheat, dairy, nuts or soy. However, it may contain egg.*



## Sermon Outline

### Elementary Doctrines: Repentance and Faith

*Hebrews 6:1*

I. Remember we are not moving away but fully incorporating these elementary doctrines

II. What repentance is

A. John the Baptist's message and what Jesus proclaimed  
(Mt 3:2, 4:17)

B. Turning from something

1. It implies one turns from sin or wickedness  
(Acts 8:22-23, Heb 6:1)

2. We turn from NOT worshipping God or giving him glory  
(Rev 16:9-11)

3. We turn from sin (Lk 17:3)

4. We turn from Dead works (Rev 9:20-21, 2Cor 12:21)

C. Forsaking of certain behaviors in our relationship with God and others

D. Involves a sense of grief and mourning (Mt 11:21)

### III. Why repentance is important

- A. It implies that something moves from being unfruitful to becoming fruitful (Mt 3:8, Gal 5:22-23)
- B. It's a gift from God to the sinner (Acts 5:31, 2Pet 3:9, Rom 5:21)
- C. Without repentance, it is impossible to come to a knowledge of the truth (2Tim 2:25)
- D. Without repentance, death awaits (Lk 13:5, Rom 6:23, 9:1ff)
- E. With Repentance one finds the pathway to forgiveness (Act 2:38, 3:19, 1Jn 1:9)
- F. Why Christians don't repent and confess more freely

### IV. What faith is

- A. Expounded in Hebrews 11:1
- B. Exercised when one has a foundational trust that God is the Creator of everything (Heb 11:3)
- C. Assurance God, through Christ, is reconciling sinners to himself

V. Faith is important because it makes it possible to believe in God and please him (Heb 11:6)

### VI. Conclusion: Practice repentance and Exercise Faith

## ***Announcements***

**SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM:** We're seeking to form a small group of people willing to give Hope in Christ church a presence on various social media platforms throughout each week. If interested in being a part of this group contact Pastor Scott.

**UPCOMING MISSIONS TRIP:** Grace, Amariah, Cain, Mark, Brian and Pastor Scott will be serving on a medical mission trip in El Rosario, Mexico from October 26 - November 3. The mission coordinators are Vista Mission in partnership with Shoulder to Shoulder Mexico. Please pray for these individuals, the 15 team members they'll be joining, and those they will be interacting with. Donations are also welcome. We hope to raise \$11,000 to help cover expenses.

**SERVE COMMUNITY MEALS:** You can help serve community meals every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church in downtown Bellingham. Those who need a meal will be offered grab-n-go bags of food (ham wraps, fruit, PBJ sandwiches, chips, cookies, and bottled water). If you or your small group would like to help serve those in need, contact James Parker at jameswparker@hotmail.com or (714) 785-5488.

**WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** Interested in studying Galatians? "Free From Bondage God's Way" an inductive study by Kay Arthur will guide our study. We'll meet every other week starting the week of June 16 on an agreed upon evening. Contact Tanya this week if you're interested and want her to order your book. Books will cost around \$9.

### ***Servants for Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>***

**Greeters:** Clair, Hildred

**E-Street Taxi:** Doug

**Foyer Monitor:** Joe

**Prayer Room:** Needed

**Scripture Reader:** Mike

## ***Council Members and Districts***

**Council President:** David Richards (360-961-0459)

**Elder Chairperson:** Lou Kooistra (360-820-2548)

**Deacon Chairperson:** Mike Button (360-739-5435)

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Elder: Glen Hendricks (616-581-9055)

Deacon: Jolene Skovron (360-550-7220)

### **District - Last name D to Ka**

Elder: Jerry Hop (360-734-9510)

Deacon: Doug Konn (360-224-1254)

### **District - Last name Kn to N**

Elder: David Richards (360-961-0459)

Deacon: Philip Bergman (360-201-3873)

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Elder: Mark Ruiten (360-398-0101)

Deacon: Hildred Abee (385-229-2121)

### **District - Last name S to Z**

Elder: Ken Wick (360-224-1656)

Deacon: Rachel Carlson (509-899-3963)

### **District - Council Members**

Pastor Scott Roberts (360-733-6177)

**Custodian:** Don Recker (509-949-7441)

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**Friendship:** Tanya Obbink (360-393-5171)

**Safe Church Coordinator:** Don Recker (360-393-4179)

**Health Minister:** Alice Brakke (360-920-8123)

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

All bulletin items are due on Wednesdays at noon.



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