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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Patchogue Church of Christ  
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A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	5/30/15	5/24/15
Bible Classes	24	22
Worship Service	70	83
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$1780.00	\$1769.00
Wed Bible Class	Cmpaign	21
Baptisms/	-	1

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By  
Jamal Colson



Stand Firm

I'm often reminded of songs that talk about taking a stand.

At times today it seems difficult to take a stand. I think with social media it's easier for people to post things rather than individually stand up for things. I'm not saying we shouldn't use social media to take a stand because we can use that, but it's just as important for us to take a stand and share the gospel face-to-face as well as through social media. As we do this, it will help increase our faith and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and we know through scripture that this is pleasing to the Lord.

"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace," (Ephesians 6:13-15 NIV).

In conclusion, Martin Luther King Jr. has said "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy". Young people, as the days of evil are upon us let us not only stand, let's stand together helping each other.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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“Lord I believe, but I need your help”

“Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." “If you can't?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:21-24).

We can certainly identify with that boy's father, like him, we believe in Jesus. He is our Savior, Redeemer, Lord, friend and much more. Yet our faith in Him is not where it ought to be, much growth is needed. We crave the faith that will move mountains or even parts of it; we crave the faith that will neither doubt nor fear, the faith that will have total confidence and trust in Jesus our Lord. Like the boy's father, we pray “help me overcome my unbelief,” and like the apostles we pray, “Lord increase our faith” (Luke 17:5).

Jesus' reply, “Everything is possible for him who believes,” suggests that our faith in Him is linked to His actions and our submission. If we allow Him to act in our lives He will accomplish great things with us and through us. The powerful affirmation of the apostle Paul speaks to this, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” (Philippians 4:13).

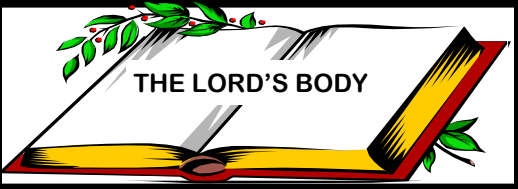
Our faith in Jesus is likewise linked to our worship of God. To worship God in ways pleasing and acceptable to Him requires faith in Jesus “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth,” (John 4:23-24). We worship because we believe in Him. John tells us of a man blind from birth. This man came to Jesus and received his sight, after some time Jesus went to Him and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” The man replied, “‘Lord, I believe,’ and he worshiped him” (John 9:35-38).

This blind man's faith, like that of any new convert, was in its infancy; it must now grow and mature into greater confidence and trust in the person and power of Jesus Christ. Such was the faith of Martha the sister of Lazarus who was dead for over four days. To Martha Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” Martha replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” (John 11:23-28) Jesus then called Lazarus out of his grave!

Faith in Jesus is linked to His blood. To access the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ we first believe in Him; who He is, what He has done and what He will do for us. This belief is a strong and sincere conviction from the heart. Such was the faith of the Ethiopian Eunuch. This man was taught the gospel of Jesus Christ and wanted to be saved. “And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him,” (Acts 8:35-39). To believe in Christ and not obey His gospel is unacceptable to Him, “He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (Heb. 5:9).

Finally our faith in Christ needs to mature and to grow to the point of child-like trust (2 Peter 1:5-11). No ifs, buts, or maybes; complete confidence and trust! Such was the faith of Paul. He said, “I believe God that it will be just as it was told me,” (Acts 27:25), and such was the faith of Abraham who “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” (Rom 4:3).

Lancelot W.



# The family by John Stallworth



LIVING IT OUT—  
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
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### Morning Service

Song leader	Ben Field
Call to worship - 474	
Welcome/Prayer	Jason Harper
Song # 578	
Scripture – Psalm 5:1-12	Joe Cirnigliaro
Songs # 1009	
Song # 180	
Second Prayer	James Guiffre
Song # 448	
Lord's table and Collection:	
Lead	Mike Salimbene
Assistant	Anthony Soto
Assistant	Jamal Colson
Assistant	Mike Costello
Song - Kids to class	
Song # 129	
Scripture- I Sam. 1:1-11	Kyle Watkins
Sermon -	Lancelot Watson
Invitation # 490	
Responses & prayer:	
Greg Watkins	
John Scignano	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	Jason Harper
Closing Song # 703	

### The Gospel Truth

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### Today Salvation has come to this house

The Bible will tell us of a rich tax collector named Zacchaeus. Jesus invites himself to stay at his home. Upon the criticism of the people Zacchaeus publically repents.

*Lk. 19:8-9 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."*

What can we learn? Sometimes our sin is public and people may have seen and been hurt by what we've done. Zacchaeus and the people recognized his cheating (sin) against men. The awesome lesson we see: Zacchaeus' humility drove him to PUBLIC repentance. Zacchaeus before all of the people stood up and confessed his zeal and conviction of repentance. He didn't just say "Sorry".

His conviction (sorrow) lead him to commit half of his possession to the poor. More than that: he would pay back 4X any amount of cheated funds. WOW! Zacchaeus had what the Bible would call "Godly Sorrow", which lead to his repentance and salvation!

*2 Cor. 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

Paul complemented the Corinthian church for such an attitude. He goes on with:

*2 Cor. 7:11 See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. Ask yourself.*

**Have you wronged anyone?** Will you be as Zacchaeus and do all you can to make it right? Will salvation come to your house?

### Baptism- "Get him in the water...NOW!"

**Argument**— "If someone requests baptism, we need to get it done right away. The bible says "why delay?", "look here is water" and we are "not promised tomorrow. " **ANSWER**— This one is for the "dunkers." The rush to submerge is C.O.C. cultural practice. *Without discounting it, please research your assumptions. I believe the rush to baptize to be simplistic theological error.* "Belief" Christians are actually right about one thing – **belief** is most critical. We should see evidence of courting the Bridegroom before baptism (which also signifies an engagement to marry Christ; Matt25, Jn. 3, Rev19, 21). Acts 22 was to Paul, who was a **believer**. Marriage is no different between God and man. It is eternal. Rushing to it blindly is foolish, especially with God.

**Problem 1 - Jesus set belief as most important and this is outside of the purview of mankind.** John 3:18 and Mark 16 clearly require baptism, but set God as final judge of belief. Baptism without belief is the same as any other false practice. Biblical examples of baptism clearly show recipients of baptism as demonstrating evidence of courtship/seeking behaviors and pursuit of God. Many resist this notion, but the bible only discusses specific baptisms with clear believers. Philip was sent to a Eunuch who was seeking God, by God (and he still stated belief as the condition). We should **never expect** 3000 baptisms again, as we read, because they were **all believing and practicing Jews** receiving the new covenant. It was a mass conversion of believers; followers of YAHWEH accepting JESHUA. The gentile centurion was already deep into repentance. Acts 10:2 states clearly why God noticed him, and why he was eligible to receive baptism.

**Problem 2 – Jesus warned strictly for us to count the cost. It is worse for someone to receive God and walk away.** Luke 14 has Jesus clearly stating that liking the benefits of His kindness is not enough. Careful consideration should be given. 2 Peter 2:21 clearly states it is better not to commit than to commit and then turn away. Since eternity will be worse for such people, we should proceed cautiously.

**Problem 3 – "Car accident" and other "what if" arguments against delay are fear mongering** and place the locus of control on **man**, not God. 2 Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:11+13, and Rom. 8 clearly state God's plan for individuals...the Almighty ultimately refers to individuals no matter how you slice it. Therefore, proper baptism will eventually occur for those who are sealed, with or without your help because God will ensure it. You are not God, and cannot rush His timing.

**Next Week – The problem of counting baptisms as fruit or evidence of your salvation.**

### Self-Control

"I just lost it!" "I let them have it!" "He went wild!" These are statements that might be used to describe someone who was "out of control." These terms are all the opposites of the self-control that Christians are urged to add to faith, virtue, and knowledge if they wish to reach a stage where they "will never fall" (1 Peter 1:10). Self-control is controlling one's "actions and emotions by will" (Nelson's Bible Dictionary). As an illustration, we could look at a person who is drunk. She is not in control of herself, she is uninhibited, and really, under the devil's control. A person without self-control might display any of its companions listed in 2 timothy 3: 2-4: "*boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to [her]parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God ."*

To bring this closer home, here are some situations that might apply specifically to us, over which we might want to exercise greater self-control: with our tongue and words; our moods, emotions, and thoughts; with our bodies: food and drink; with our time: entertainment, hobbies, and habits; in our spending; sexually; on the Internet. If we do not have self-control in these or other areas of our lives, we are allowing the devil to control us.

Praise God, He has not left us without instructions on how to develop or grow in self-control: In Hebrews 5:14 we read, "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil." When we consciously practice what we learn from God's word, our senses are more in tune with how God wants us to behave, and our senses are trained to recognize the right paths. David in Psalms 119:10-11 prays, "With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You."