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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.

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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:	3/22/15	3/15/15
Bible Classes	39	49
Worship Service	88	101
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$2294.00	\$2321.00
Wed Bible Class	38	42
Baptisms/	-	-

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

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



What will you do to see Jesus?

Luke 19 (NIV) Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 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. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Young people, we learn from Zacchaeus not to let the following things get into the way of us seeing Jesus:

- Chief tax collector-our jobs or responsibilities
- Shortness –physical limitations
- Environment-he needed to run ahead and climb a tree.

Once Zacchaeus is seen by Jesus it was all worth his efforts! Zacchaeus recognized he needed to change and with that, Jesus says "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham."

In conclusion, what will you do to see Jesus? In verse 10 it is written "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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The blood of Jesus the Christ

"The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood," (Heb 13:11-12).

We all know the importance of blood. The Red Cross once ran a slogan, "give a pint and save a life." It is God who taught us the importance of blood. He states, "For the life of a creature is in the blood ... it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life" (Leviticus 17:11).

The blood of Jesus is the most precious of all things because it and it only can atone for the sins of humankind. This blood is especially precious to those of us who understand that the only remedy for our miserable lives is the blood of Christ. What makes this blood so precious? Consider these:

Jesus' blood bought us - As you walk through a department store and look at all the things displayed, you notice there is a price tag on each item. Generally, the more valuable the item, the higher the price. You and I were held to ransom by the Devil. Jesus ransomed us, that is, paid the price to get us back. The Elders in the Church at Ephesus were told, "Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). His life in exchange for ours that was the price.

Jesus' blood redeemed us - To redeem is "to release upon receipt of a ransom." We are all guilty of sin and Jesus said, "everyone who sins is a slave to sin." (John 8:34) The Devil is the slave master and to set us free he demanded a high price; Jesus paid it! Jesus gives us a new way of life, as the scripture says of Jesus, "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:14).

Jesus' blood brought forgiveness to us - Forgiveness is a powerful and wonderful thing, both to the giver and to the receiver. Think of how relieved

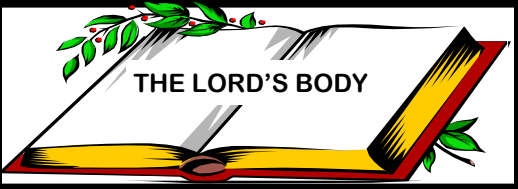
you are after offending a person and instead of exacting a penalty, they say "I have forgiven you." We wronged God by sinning against Him. This broke His fellowship with us. Jesus mends the relationship with His blood, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." (Eph 1:7)

Jesus' blood reconciles us -Many of us struggle to balance our check books, to get the balance in our check book to agree with the balance on our bank statement. When both balances agree, the account is reconciled. James 4:4 tells us, "Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God." Since we all sinned, we were all enemies of God. There was need for us to be reconciled with God so that we could have fellowship with Him. This work of reconciliation was begun by Christ, and completed when He died for us. "For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!" (Rom 5:10)

Jesus' blood cleanses us - We are not comfortable when dirty - it makes our skin itchy, scratchy and we are uncomfortable! It is so good to be clean! To wear clean clothes, eat from clean dishes, to have clean teeth. Wow! It is even greater to have a clear conscience, a clean soul. John tells us: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

The blood of Jesus is precious indeed, but not everyone accepts this. What about you? Have you been washed in Jesus' blood? Are you living under His blood? No! Then, please do something about it; speak with me or one of the members, we are here to help.

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD



ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 03/29/2015

Morning Service
Song leader Brian Maddox
Welcome/Prayer Derek Peterson
Song # 144
Scripture – Matt. 16:21-26 Bailey Holfman
Songs # 749
Song # 43
Second Prayer Jason Holfman
Song # 382
Lord's table and Collection:
Lead James Guiffre
Assistant Anthony Soto
Assistant Chris McGue
Assistant Barry Koeber
Song - Kids to class
Song # 869 (1,2,4)
Scripture - Lk. 23:32-43 Kyle Watkins
Sermon - Lancelot Watson
Invitation # 909
Responses & prayer:
Jason Harper
Jason Holfman
Announcements &
Closing Prayer Derek Peterson
Closing Song # 703

The Gospel Truth

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“I don’t wanna ... be faithful”

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...
We still ask: if these are “fruit of the spirit”, how are non-Christians able to do these things. “Faithfulness” substantially is being **full of faith**. ‘Full’ sounds like a lot, but Jesus said a mustard seed portion is enough to do anything (Mt. 11:20). However, zero is NOT sufficient.
Heb. 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God,
We’ve all heard the term: “Blind faith”. Hebrews will argue:
Heb. 11:1 (KJV) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen
Bible faith is not blind. It takes substance and evidence. James adds REAL faith must have substance.
Jam. 2:18-19 ...Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.
The world will claim faith, but a Christian’s faith is visible.
Paul will say: “We live by faith, not by sight.” The irony is our faith must be visible, however where our faith leads cannot be. Our faith shows itself when we can’t see the end. Abraham was commended for such faith (Gen. 12:1). Jesus emphasizes the point.
Jn. 12:29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
“So brother, what are you saying?” Well I’m not going to say “just have faith”. The reality is: someone telling you to have faith does NOT give you faith. Paul tells us how to build our faith.
Rom. 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
The equation is simple. Bible + Reading = Faith
Do you know what the Spirit is calling you to do? Do it!
Jam. 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Purpose and Perspective

It is amazing sometimes when you consider how much our purpose is influenced by our surroundings. It is too easy to be seduced into seeking meaning and purpose from our society. The purpose we seek will guide our view of God and our reason for existence. To the atheist and humanist, purpose is the present “now.” Life is for the moment. To the traditionalist purpose is the “past” (Matt 3:9), and to New Age/Eastern philosophy it is a utopian “future” which does not yet exist.
The Greeks sought purpose in knowledge (now). The Romans sought glory (future), and the Jews sought tradition and the light. The Apostle Paul encapsulated it perfectly when he pointed out how our God fused every purpose when he said God “made his **light** shine in our hearts to give us the **light** of the **knowledge** of God’s **glory** displayed in the face of **Christ** (Also see Psalm 119:105, John 1:5).
In our own country our “American Dream” and “Exceptionalism” has set our spiritually adulterous purposes to “future” and “glory,” a dream not yet attained. Our current culture, not having found meaning or purpose within the promises of the future, is becoming Greek (“now”) in mindset. The “now” in life is the overpowering purpose of the masses. It will be disastrous as time goes by because it is impossible for all to be satisfied with “now” without one having to trample their fellow brother. The end is chaos.
God, who foreknew the rooster would crow, stated (Eph. 3:1, 1:11) that our purpose is service and worship to His glory, accomplished by His foreknowledge, and perfect predestined Will. Our purpose was forged before time (past) for the future glory of our Lord. In this way Jesus took ownership of all dimensions when He instituted His Supper and said “for as often as you do this (**now**) you proclaim (**glory**) the Lord’s death (**past**), until He comes (**future**). He owns the past, present and future of all, and that is the beauty and hope of our purpose.

Women in the Easter Story

There is much that we can learn from the women who played prominent roles in the life of Jesus throughout His ministry on earth. As we approach Easter, let us look in particular at two of those women who were a part of the story of His death, burial, and resurrection. We will look first at Martha, Lazarus’ sister, then the woman who anointed Jesus’ head with alabaster oil.
Martha displayed an exemplary faith. She was one of the first to show her belief in the resurrection. First, she told Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask” (John 11:21-22). She had faith in Jesus’ power. When Jesus said to her, “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?” She replied, “Yes, Lord...I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God” (John 11:25-27). She believed in His divinity and in the authority of His words. These beliefs in our own lives can empower us.
Just before Judas went out to betray Jesus, we read of a woman who “came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume... She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head” (Mark 14:3). Although she was criticized by many for wasting the money this could have been sold for, Jesus praised her and said, “She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her” (Mark 14:8-9). This woman showed that we cannot give or spend too much for Jesus.
The faith, devotion, and commitment of these two women are great examples for us today. Let us resolve to follow their lead.