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Church of Christ**

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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Stephen's (Acts 8:1)
2. Ezekiel (1:1-2)
3. Zedekiah (Jeremiah 52:11)
4. Cyrus of Persia (2 Chron. 36:22-23)
5. Amos (7:17)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Chris Beard
Announcements: Ronnie Ramsey
Encouragement Talk: Robert McCorkle
Opening Prayer: Sandon Spyker
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
Philippians 2:1-11
Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Table Talk: Eddie Bowen
Contribution: Todd McAdams
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: Haper Flores
Helper: Brad Smith
Helper: Jacob McAdams
Closing Prayer: Tyler Blazek

Sunday Afternoons

Mar 26 Nothing
Apr 2 3-5PM Song Leader Training (sign up for a spot)
Apr 9 Nothing
Apr 16 4PM Devotionals (Men, Women, Youth)

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: Tyler Blazek



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Cause Me To Know Thy Way

The Psalmist David was a real person, much like the rest of us. He lived a good life, but not a perfect life. His life was one of service to God, but one where sin existed as well. Throughout his writings, it is very obvious just how much he really loved Jehovah and wanted to do right. We can all relate to his life. We can all see that the needs of his heart are also the needs of our hearts! On one occasion, David made known this request to his God, “*Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee*” (Psalm 132:8).

I suppose that most, if not all of us, at sometime or another worry about whether or not we're doing what is right and living as we should. If we aren't as concerned about it as we ought to be, then let us hasten to become more concerned. It is when we recognize how much we need the Lord and His saving Word that we begin to listen to Him. We just don't know what is best for us – but God does! Please read the passage of Scripture recorded in Jeremiah 10:23.

Just what is my real attitude toward the Scriptures? Is it true that I really want to know what ALL of God's will is? And if I know it, am I really willing to do what He says? All of these questions relate to my desire to be taught. To be teachable means to “readily receive instruction and have the ability to carry it out.” In the same Psalm, Dave expressed it this way, “teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God” (Psalm 143:10).

As we find ourselves facing the Lord in judgment, will our lives have said, “Thy will be done”? It is necessary for one to be teachable in order to both hear and believe, as well as obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. God forces His will upon no one, but will judge all according to what they have done with it. It is just as necessary to have a willingness to be teachable as we grow and mature in the faith. A true sign of spiritual maturity

is recognizing, through humble eyes, just how great is Jehovah and how small we really are. When we come to understand just how good God's book is and how little we really know, then we're heading on the right road. It is then that we will "hunger and thirst" after His righteousness.

Are we really teachable when it comes to our own lives and activities? As we look into God's mirror for the soul and see ourselves as we really are, do we want to see and do all of those things which will help us improve and become better people? When sin is pointed out in your life or when a weak or sensitive area is exposed, how teachable are you then? David said, "Teach me to do Thy will..." He didn't just say "teach me Thy will," but rather "Teach me to do Thy will." In order to go to heaven when this life is over, it is absolutely necessary that we do the Lord's will in our life (Matt. 7:21-23)!

What each of us needs to determine is this: Whether or not we're teachable when it is time to examine our thoughts that we entertain, the words that we speak, the actions we manifest, and the life that we live. In Psalm 90:12, the writer says "Teach us to number our days."

I need the Lord and His word, don't you? Then let's allow it to be the "lamp unto our feet and the light unto our path" that it is supposed to be. There's no better book to learn than the Bible, no better life to be lived than that of serving God and keeping His commandments.

Are we teachable? Each of us really knows the answer to this question in our own life. Is it year, or no, or sometimes? One of the things which helped to make and mold the disciples into such great men of faith is the fact that they were teachable! May we be the same! May we be able to say "cause me to know the way wherein I should walk"!

By Bill Fairchild, Jr.

Know Your Bible

Exiles

1. Christians were scattered into Judah and Samaria because of a persecutino that began after whose death?
2. What prophet went into exile in Babylon?
3. What blind king died in exile in Babylon?
4. What king issued an edict ending the exile of the Jews?
5. What prophet warned the wicked priest Amaziah that Israel would go into exile?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Head Of The Church

by Charles Willis

**The
Lord's
Church**

In 2023 the Southern Baptist Convention is headed by Bart Barber. Pope Francis is the head of the Catholic church. Chase Pope is the president of the American Fellowship of Cowboy Churches. Russel Nelson is the president of the Mormon church. A look at almost every church in America (and the world) will reveal one individual or a small group of people as those in charge of the church.

The Church Jesus died to established is distinct in many ways from those established by men. First and foremost is who is in charge. God seated Jesus at His right hand in the heavenly places and put "all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church" (Ephesians 1:22). This is stated again in Ephesians 5:23 - "Christ also is the head of the church." Within the context of both of these passages is imagery to give us understanding of the meaning of "head." Ephesians 1 says the church "is His body" (1:23). A body only has one head. Jesus is eternal, therefore He remains the one and only head of the church. Ephesians 5 is in the context of the husband/wife relationship which places the husband as "head of the wife" (5:23). Every wife has one husband. Jesus is the only head of the church.

No man can be a leader and no group of people can lead over all the congregations that comprise the Lord's church. In Scripture there is no organization of the church except within the local congregation having elders and deacons (Philippians 1:1) who must meet qualifications (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1). The elders are to "shepherd the flock of God among you" (1 Peter 5:2) which limits their authority to within the local congregation of which they are a part. No man is able to make law or make changes to the law. Elders are to exercise oversight "according to the will of God" (1 Peter 2:5). Elders must abide by the authority given by the Head. The authority of law-maker resides solely to the Head who is Jesus Christ.

These simple truths mean we are all to be in subjection to the Head: "the church is subject to Christ" (Ephesians 5:24). We willingly submit to His rule. We choose to obey Him. We have every good reason to choose to do this. Jesus is "the Savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless" (Ephesians 5:25-27). The church (the called out believers; Christians) is saved by Jesus - each and every one of us: "we are members of His body" (Ephesians 5:30).

As individuals we submit to Him as the Head over us. As a congregation we submit to Him who is the Head of the body, the church. This simple truth renders the Lord's church as being distinct and different from those established by men. A distinction easily investigated, and easily seen (such as in the first paragraph of this article).

Are you submitting to the Head who is Jesus Christ?