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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. The wife of Potiphar (Gen. 39)
2. Pashur (Jeremiah. 20:1-6)
3. His servant, Gehazi (2 Kings 5)
4. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Brad Smith
Announcements: Ryan Haarmann
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco
Opening Prayer: Josh Emerson
Scripture Reading: Jacob McAdams
Philippians 3:12-16
Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Table Talk: Harper Flores
Contribution:
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Fruit of Vine: John Franks
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Helper: Chris Beard
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Apr 23 5PM Worship: Casey Thomas to Preach
Apr 30 3PM Classroom Work (Quarter Change)
May 7 4PM Parenting Class and Children's Drill Class
May 14 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Harper Flores
Speaker: Ryan Haarmann



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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The Current Example Of Crime

According to TheTexan.news.com as of September 16, 2022 Harris County has seen a 65% increase in homicides since 2018. Anyone in touch with news in recent weeks is aware of a couple of mass shootings which targeted innocent and unknown people. Mob violence is on the rise with groups entering and stealing from stores, and others creating chaos and murder (such as in Chicago about a week ago when teens mobbed the downtown area).

Prosecutors and civil leaders are not unilaterally pursuing criminals or prosecuting them. Many are allowed to go free, or on a minimal bond. So they continue to commit crime (wickedness). In addition, laws are being changed to decriminalize some actions and reduce penalties for perpetrators. The large majority of people in our country are not criminals and desire for crime to completely stop and criminals to be punished.

Those who study the Bible agree with the majority who desire criminals be punished. This is a truth from God. Under the Law of Moses the death penalty was required by God for striking or reviling a parent (Ex. 21:15-17), blasphemy (Lev. 24:14), witchcraft (Ex. 22:18), adultery (Lev. 20:10), rape (Deut. 22:25), incest and homosexuality (Lev. 20), idolatry (Lev. 20:2), and false witness in a capital case (Deut. 19). Assaults and mayhem required an eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise (Ex, 21:24-25). There is much more in The Law of Moses which conveys the thinking of God about crime. It is easy to see how most modern societies have moved away from the stern justice God required of the Israelites.

As Christians we can learn a simple truth from the current example of crime in our country: tolerance leads to more sin. Jesus condemned many in the church in Thyatira because they tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols (Rev. 2:20). In Corinth the congregation tolerated a man who had his

father's wife and they had "*become arrogant and have not mourned*" (1 Cor. 5:2). If we allow sin to persist it will only grow and spread: "*Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?*" (1 Cor. 5:6).

Further, the actions of the criminal will grow more sinful without punishment. "*Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil*" (Eccl. 8:11). Wickedness grows in a person and a society without the punishment for wicked deeds. Most Christians can easily agree with these truths and see them happening in our society in the last few years.

An application of this truth is also fairly easy to see: my personal involvement in sin (let's say secret sin) will only grow to overwhelm me if I do not repent. Many times our secret sin has little or no immediate consequence. We sometimes justify our sin by thinking "I am not hurting or affecting anyone in this." But we ARE hurting ourselves drastically. We have sinned against God and rejected His salvation. By our justification of sin, we choose to continue in sin and grow in lusts and involvement in sin. It is only a matter of time before we branch out into new sins which we once thought we would never commit. Tolerance of sin leads to more sin. The results of sin are devastating: "*the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning*" (1 John 3:8).

So we are all encouraged to examine the current crime growth in our country as a spiritual lesson. We can all agree the nation is on the decline and sin is the primary reason. People want to sin, and they want to sin more. Debauchery, lawlessness, disregard for life, no consideration for God - all of this is now visible and all the nations of the world see it. "*Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to any people*" (Prov. 14:34). The lesson is strong for us: tolerance of sin leads to more sin. Therefore we cannot allow sin in our heart or in our family. We must watch over our heart with all diligence (Prov. 4:23) and keep ourselves free from sin (1 Tim. 5:22).

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Lies

1. What frustrated Egyptian wife claimed her Hebrew servant tried to seduce her?
2. What lying prophet put Jeremiah in the stocks and was later told he and his household would die in exile?
3. Who was turned into a leper for lying to the prophet Elisha?
4. Who died after lying to Peter?

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.



Jesus Is Our Access To God

"in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him"

Ephesians 3:12

Our Mediator

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"

1 Timothy 2:5

The Way

*"Jesus *aid to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me"*

John 14:6

"there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved"

Acts 4:12

Brought Near

"now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ"

Ephesians 2:13

Our High Priest

"since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water"

Hebrews 10:21-22

"since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore

let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:14-16