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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. Samson (Judges 16:24)
2. John the Baptist (Matthew 14:3-5)
3. Jeremiah (37-38)
4. Paul and Silas (Acts 16)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Eddie Bowen
Announcements: Robert McCorkle
Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson
Opening Prayer: Brad Smith
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
Philippians 2:25-30
Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco
Contribution: Jacob McAdams
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine:
Helper: Chris Beard
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale

Sunday Afternoons

Apr 9 Nothing
Apr 16 4PM Devotionals (Men, Women, Youth)
Apr 23 5PM Member Preaches
Apr 30 3PM Classroom Work (Quarter Change)

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Speaker: Brad Smith



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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Send The Light

How? Did you say, “how?”

GET NEXT TO THE LIGHT: -- Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life”* (Jno. 8:12). It’s mighty important for the person who wants to let his light shine that he be near the Savior. As long as that proximity is maintained, you won’t walk in darkness. The implication is that when you get away from the light, you walk in darkness and you know what that means, don’t you? It means stumbling around, not knowing where you’re going. And that’s bad, right? The Master said, *“he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God”* (Jno. 3:21). In other words, *“...everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds be reproved”* (Jno. 3:20). If you want to be good and do good, you have to get next to the light.

FLIP THE SWITCH: -- Jesus also said, *“Ye are the light of the world”* (Matt. 5:14). But the light you are doesn’t shine until you turn it on. It’s up to you whether or not you shine as a light. *“Let your light shine”* (Matt. 5:16) indicates there’s a choice involved in the matter. You have to decide to turn it on. And the reason is simple: *“that they may see your good works.”* The primary purpose of light is to illuminate things so that it’s easy to see. Actually, you can’t see anything when there’s no light. And furthermore, when folks see your light shining, they will be constrained to *“glorify your Father which is in heaven”* (Matt. 5:16). So, turn it on and let it shine.

GET THE LIGHT OUT OF THE HOUSE: -- Now that’s not meant to say that the light is not important in the house, for the Lord said, *“...men do not light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house”* (Matt. 5:15), but it’s also so that if the light is going to do any good we have to get it out where it can light stuff up -- or as we say, bring things to light. *“A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid”* (Matt. 5:14) indicates that you need to put it out where

it can be seen. No matter how good the light, it's of no benefit to anybody when it's not being used. Actually, it's the purpose of light to shine. No telling how much good we could do if we'd just get our light out where folks can see it.

DON'T LET THE LIGHT GO OUT: -- Paul implores that we *"walk as children of light"* (Eph. 5:8), for, says he, *"ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord."* And wasn't it the apostle John who said, *"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another"* (1 Jno. 1:7)? In fact, *"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."* You can't walk in the light and do bad things any more than you can walk in the light and in the dark at the same time. You're either going to keep your light on or let it go out -- it's up to you. Jesus said, *"the light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light"* (Matt 6:22). You can't shut your eyes to the light and still see where you're going. You have to keep your eyes open and fixed on the goal.

And that's how you send the light.

By Dee Bowman

On My Knees

This physical posture is rarely seen in adults. A young man might take a knee to propose to a young lady. Adults will get on their knees to address a child or play with a pet. Most understand being on our knees is a posture of begging, or perhaps showing allegiance to a king. Few connect it to worship.

"Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (Psalm 95:6). The apostle Paul wrote, *"I bow my knees before the Father"* (Ephesians 3:14). For the Christian, this posture does not seem strange. It expresses an attitude of servitude to the ruler of all men. It demonstrates our lowliness compared to His greatness. It is not required of God, but we find ourselves praying in this posture when we are begging for His forgiveness.

Consider when you pray, that God exalted Jesus *"and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow"* (Philippians 2:9-10).
by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Prisoners

1. Who was put in prison as a political enemy of the Philistines?
2. What kinsman of Jesus was imprisoned for criticizing King Herod's marriage?
3. Who was imprisoned for prophesying the destruction of the kingdom of Judah?
4. Who was imprisoned for casting an evil spirit out of a girl?

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.



Retaining The Standard

"Retain the standard of sound words"
(2 Timothy 1:13)

"continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of"
(2 Timothy 3:14)

"keep the commandment without stain or reproach"
(1 Timothy 6:14)

"stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us"
(2 Thessalonians 2:15)

"hold fast the word which I preached to you"
(1 Corinthians 15:2)

"holding fast the faithful word"
(Titus 1:9)

"The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."
(Philippians 4:9)

"continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard"
(Colossians 1:23)

"Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings"
(Hebrews 13:9)

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ"
(Galatians 1:6-7)

We must be diligent to teach only the gospel of Christ - nor more and no less!