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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. Sameul's sons (1 Sam. 8:1-3)
2. Zacchaeus (Luke 9:1-10)
3. Felix (Acts 24:26)
4. Peter (Matthew 17:24-27)
5. Levi (Luke 5:29-32)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Corwin Richardson
Announcements: Josh Emerson
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: Chris Beard
Scripture Reading: Jacob McAdams
Philippians 4:10-14
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Todd McAdams
Contribution:
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Justin Thomas
Helper: John Van Baale
Closing Prayer: Victor Studdard

Sunday Afternoons

May 14 Nothing
May 21 3PM Bible Fundamentals Class
Parent planned youth devotional
May 28 NOON Prep Classrooms for Carpet Cleaning
4PM Singing with Donald Hejl
June 4 4PM Devotionals

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Jacob McAdams
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 Cross Of Christ

Death on a cross was despicable in the eyes of man. It was shameful in its allowing men to watch a person die. It was shameful in seeing how the cross allowed the process of death to be extended for more than a day (in most instances). There was no swift merciful end such as is practiced in our country for criminals. Paul wrote, *“we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God”* (1 Corinthians 1:23-24). Mankind (Jews and Gentiles encompassing all men) saw nothing good in the cross. The Jews stumbled at the cross. Peter expands this concept pointing back to Isaiah 8:14, saying *“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed”* (1 Peter 2:8). They were appointed to a doom of not believing the truth (of Jesus being the Christ who died for the sins of mankind) because they are disobedient. They did not want to change, did not want to repent, did not want to believe in Jesus, did not want to enter the New Covenant He died to establish. The Jews viewed the cross of Christ as something not true. The Gentiles just thought it was foolishness. To a world of pagans, they thought it was foolish to think a man could kill a god on a cross. *“A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised”* (1 Corinthians 2:14). Many today think religion and the cross of Jesus is foolishness.

Jesus knew all of this and chose to endure the cross because of us. *“Christ died for our sins”* (1 Corinthians 15:3). *“Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God”* (1 Peter 3:18). His willingness to suffer was because of what it would do for those who believed and obeyed Him: *“I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand”* (John 10:18). Paul wrote that Jesus *“loved me and gave Himself up for me”* (Galatians 2:20). What He endured was shameful and terrible. Under the Mosaical Covenant, a man who

committed sin worthy of death, God said *“his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance”* (Deuteronomy 21:23). Paul points to this passage saying, *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”* (Galatians 3:13). The suffering of Christ was awful, but was endured that we might be saved. We then should fix *“our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”* (Hebrews 12:2).

The preaching of the cross is the power to save souls. The gospel which Paul preached saved men, and that message included *“Christ died for our sins”* (1 Corinthians 15:1–4). Again, *“the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God”* (1 Corinthians 1:18). To the Christian we do not stumble nor think it is foolishness. We see the cross as the power of God to save sinners. We see that *“by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified”* (Hebrews 10:15). We see how *“the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God”* (Hebrews 9:14). We see Jesus *“has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself”* (Hebrews 9:26). The power of God to forgive man of sin is the preaching of the cross. Only through the cross (the blood of Christ) can any man be saved.

Therefore, our glory is in the cross of Christ. As Paul said, *“For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”* (1 Corinthians 2:2). The cross of Christ is the most important event in the history of man since the creation. It is the most meaningful to us. It is what we glory in. In Christ we can be a *“partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed”* (1 Peter 5:1). *“But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”* (Galatians 6:14).

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Taxes & Bribes

1. What notable prophet’s sons were notorious for taking bribes?
2. What tax collector climbed a tree to see Jesus?
3. Who kept Paul in prison, hoping Paul would bribe him for release?
4. Who did Jesus send fishing in order to get money for taxes?
5. By what other name was the tax collector Matthew known?

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.



Names of the Christ

(An incomplete list)

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End (Revelation 22:13)

Mediator (2 Timothy 2:5)

Advocate (Hebrews 12:24)

King (Matthew 2:2; Revelation 17:14)

Lord (Acts 2:36; Romans 10:9)

Good Shepherd (John 10; 1 Pet. 2:25)

Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14)

Wonderful, Councillor, Prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6)

High Priest (Hebrews 3:1; 4:14; 7:26)

Head of the Church (Eph. 1:22–23)

Lamb (Rev. 5:6; 7:14; 1 Peter 1:18–19)

Lion (Revelation 5:5)

Resurrection and Life (John 11:25)

Savior (1 John 4:14; Eph. 5:23)

The Word (John 1:1–2)

Jesus (Matt. 1:21; Acts 13:23)

Son of David (Matt. 12:31–32)

Son of God (Matt. 16:16; John 11:27)

Son of man (Luke 19:10; Acts 7:56)

Servant of God (Matt. 12:14–21)

Physician (Mark 2:17)

Prophet (John 1:21; Luke 13:33; Acts 7:37)

Stone (Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20)

Bridegroom (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22–23)

Bread of Life (John 6:35–68)

Light of the World (John 8:12)

The Way (John 14:6; Heb. 10:19–20)

The Truth (John 14:6; 1 John 5:20)

The Life (John 14:6; 11:25)

Judge (John 5:22; Acts 10:42)

The Just One (Acts 3:14; 1Pet. 3:18)