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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. Elisha's (2 Kings 6:18-23)
2. Egypt's (Exodus 14:13-31)
3. The sun stood still (Joshua 10)
4. An earthquake (1 Sam. 14:11-15)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: Gary Tuttle  
Announcements: John Franks  
Encouragement Talk: Todd McAdams  
Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowen  
Scripture Reading: Billy Lovell  
Song Leader: Arturo Orozco  
Table Talk: Robert McCorkle  
Contribution: Josh Emerson  
Helper: Jacob McAdams  
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale  
Helper: Verlin Wilson  
Helper: Justin Thomas  
Closing Prayer: Pete Galvan

**Sunday Afternoons**

June 11 4PM Parenting Class; Children's Drill Class  
June 18 Nothing  
June 25 5PM Worship - singing, member preach  
July 3 3PM Bible Fundamentals Class

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson  
Speaker: Josh Emerson



# 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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## Knowing The Truth Is Not Enough

Until we take the step to obey what we know to be the truth, we do not receive God's blessings of salvation. Peter stresses this point when he viewed what his readers had done: “*Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently*” (I Peter 1:22). Their souls had been purified from sin by the blood of Christ when they obeyed the truth of the Gospel (cf. I Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 1:5, Eph. 1:13). Jesus is the author of salvation to them who “*obey Him*” (Hebrews 5:9). Many know the truth, but for various reasons do not obey what God reveals.

Some know the truth, but are unwilling to submit to its requirements because they care more about the consequences connected with what their peers will think of them, than what God clearly commands them to do. It is clear that we must confess Jesus to be the Son of God in order to be saved (Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33). Having clear evidence that Jesus is the Son of God is not the problem (John 20:31-32). The parents of the man miraculously healed by Jesus refused to acknowledge Jesus' identity because “*they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him*” (John 9:22-23). The rulers of the Jews “*believed*” on Jesus, but they did not “*confess*” it “*because of the Pharisees...lest they should be put out of the synagogue*” (John 12:42). Why? “*For they loved the glory that is of men more than the glory that is of God*” (John 12:43).

Some know the truth, but think they can substitute something of value unto God in place of simple and complete obedience. Saul was clearly commanded to completely destroy Agag and the Amalekites, sparing nothing belonging to them (I Samuel 15:3). When confronted with his disobedience, Saul says, “*the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God and the rest we have utterly destroyed*” (I Samuel 15:16).

Saul learned that what God wants more than sacrifice is simple obedience. *“Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams”* (1 Samuel 15:23).

How many know that they need to repent and be baptized into the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), but think that they will be OK if they substitute being a good moral person instead? Being a loving husband, submissive wife, and an obedient child please God, but not in the place of the initial obedience to the gospel message.

Some know the truth that the purpose of baptism is the same as Jesus’ purpose for shedding his blood: unto the remission of sins (Matthew 26:28, Acts 2:38). Yet, they do not obey God’s commands for the same clearly revealed purpose. It is not enough to know that we are to be hospitable, but we are to be hospitable without murmuring (1 Peter 4:9). It is not enough to eat the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, but we must partake of it, discerning the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 11: 23-29). Obeying for the right reason is essential before God. If we pervert the purpose, we forfeit the blessings connected with the command.

Knowing truth is not enough. Let us obey completely!

by Jerry Fite

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 25 - 5PM Worship Assembly  
Singing and Casey Thomas to preach

July 16 - 4PM Devotionals

July 23 - 5PM Worship Assembly, Member Preach

August 27 - 5PM Worship Assembly  
Singing and Harper Flores to preach

September 10-13 Gospel Meeting with D. J. Dickerson

### ***Know Your Bible***

#### **Miraculously Won Battles**

1. What prophet’s word caused the Syrian soldiers to be struck blind?
2. What nation’s army was destroyed in the Red Sea?
3. What celestial event did the Lord use to defeat the Amorites when Joshua and his men were fighting them?
4. What occurred when Jonathan and his armor-bearer attacked the Philistines?

*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.



## **Who Will God Judge?**

### **The Living And The Dead**

*“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead”* (2 Timothy 4:1).

*“They will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead”* (1 Peter 4:5).

### **Angels**

*“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment”* (2 Peter 2:4).

*“Angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day”* (Jude 6).

### **Fornicators and Adulterers**

*“Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge”* (Hebrews 13:4).

### **Disbelievers**

*“in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness”* (2 Thessalonians 2:12).

### **Believers**

*“For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge His people”* (Hebrews 10:30).

*“For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God”* (1 Peter 4:17).

*“It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment”*  
(Hebrews 9:27)