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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. Thomas (John 21:25)
2. Paul
3. James and John (Mark 3:17)
4. Peter, James, John (Mark 9:2)
5. Paul (Acts 28:1-6)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Jacob McAdams
Announcements: Ronnie Ramsey
Encouragement Talk: Tyler Blazek
Opening Prayer: Ryan Haarmann
Scripture Reading: Eddie Bowen
Colossians 3:18-21
Song Leader: Brad Smith
Table Talk: John Franks
Contribution: Joel Jordan
Helper: Theo Edge
Fruit of Vine: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Helper: Lester Mabry
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 27 4PM Worship - Harper Flores to preach
Sept 3 4PM Bible Fundamentals Class
Sept 10 4PM Worship (Gospel Meeting)
Sept 17 Nothing

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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Good Works

Many behave as if once a person obeys the gospel (having become a Christian) and they have removed sin from their life (changed behaviors) then they just need to keep themselves from sin to be righteous with God. Obeying the gospel and stopping sin are absolutely necessary for the Christian, but this is not all we are to do. Colossians 3:12-14 states this clearly, saying *“as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”*

Consider Ephesians 2:10 which says, *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”* We are God’s workmanship - the result of His work. We are created in Christ Jesus - forgiven through His blood. We are created for good works - what we are to be doing, we are to “walk” in them. More than stop sinning, we must now begin doing good works. Our walk (behavior) is to accomplish good works. Christ Jesus *“gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds”* (Titus 2:14).

We are *“to be ready for every good deed”* (Titus 3:1). More than being ready, Timothy (the evangelist) was told to *“instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works”* (1 Timothy 6:18) and Titus (the evangelist) was told to *“show yourself to be an example of good deeds”* (Titus 2:7). The widow indeed (to be supported from the treasury) must have *“a reputation for good works”* (1 Tim. 5:10).

What are “good works” or “good deeds”? It is not just about teaching others the gospel. *“Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did”* (Acts 9:36). When Peter came after her death, *“all the widows stood*

beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.” A non-religious good deed is something that should characterize Christians. “We have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men” (2 Cor. 8:21). Caring for those in need, being considerate of those who have suffered, showing acts of kindness - these are good deeds for which the Christian has been created by God in Christ Jesus. “Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:27).

Are you doing good works? Work implies effort, sacrifice, and planning. Are you praying for opportunities to do good works? How much time do you devote to good works each week? Is this your reputation? Obeying the gospel and stopping sin are necessary to be righteous, but without good works we cannot please God.

“Concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds” (Titus 3:8). Take care that these things are accomplished. “Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.” (Titus 3:14). Engage in good deeds - not just think about it or plan to. Meet needs - not just plan to. Otherwise we are unfruitful. God wants us to bear fruit of good deeds so much we are to “stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24). Yes (in this context) we do this at assemblies, but we can stimulate away from the assembly as well. Take someone with you to do a good work. Pull someone else into the good work you are doing, help them learn to engage.

A congregation of people not engaged in good deeds is not bearing fruit. Typically there will be no visitors to assemblies, no conversions to Christ, no enthusiasm in worship, no spending time together outside the assembly, no efforts toward evangelism. They are unfruitful. Does this describe you? Does this describe us?

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Apostles

1. Who doubted the resurrection of Jesus?
2. Who was the apostle to the gentiles?
3. Who were the “sons of thunder”?
4. Who was with Jesus at His transfiguration?
5. Who was bitten by a snake on the island of Malta?

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.

