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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. Isaiah 7:14
2. Isaiah 40:3
3. Deuteronomy 8:3
4. Exodus 21:24

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Kevin Buckner
Announcements: Robert McCorkle
Encouragement Talk: Ryan Haarmann
Opening Prayer: Chris Beard
Scripture Reading: Brad Smith
Colossians 4:1-4
Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Table Talk: Josh Emerson
Contribution: John Franks
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Wverlin Wilson
Helper: John Van Baale
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Sept 10 4PM Worship (Gospel Meeting)
Sept 17 Nothing
Sept 24 4PM Boys Song Leading Class
Oct 1 Song Leader Training (sign up)

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Ryan Haarmann
Speaker: D.J. Dickerson



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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Gospel Meeting This Week September 10-13

with *D. J. Dickerson*

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Sunday

- 9:30am Not Knowing God's Righteousness
- 10:30am Establishing Our Own Righteousness
- 4:00pm Not Going Beyond What Is Written

Weeknights at 7:00pm

- Monday* Establishing Our Own Righteousness: In The Home
- Tuesday* Establishing Our Own Righteousness: In Humbling Ourselves
- Wednesday* Establishing Our Own Righteousness: Regarding Sin

Join us as we worship God and focus on His word.

Biblical Faith

by Charles Willis

Many people in our society claim to be a Christian claiming to have faith and believe. But many fail to understand what Scripture says about faith. If we use our own understanding of faith we may deceive ourselves and in fact not be pleasing God. Consider then...

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). Many believe something because they have heard if from a preacher, or a friend, or it is the common understanding in the society. For others it is a personal understanding or belief. Scripture tells us we are to believe because it is the word of Christ (the King James translation says *“the word of God”*). The Bible is the only authoritative source for what we are to believe. God has revealed it, written it for us, that we might know how to please Him. For example, the miracles recorded in the gospel of John *“have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name”* (John 20:31). We believe (have faith) in Jesus because of the miracles.

Faith is connected to repentance: *“repent and believe in the gospel”* (Mark 1:15). Repentance is a decision to turn. A decision to change - to stop sinning and start obeying God (what He has written to us). Our belief is in Jesus, and the gospel - the good news which He taught and which is found in the teaching of the apostles in the New Testament. Faith alone is not enough. It does no good to say you believe and then continue in sin.

“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:26). Many today believe in Jesus as the Son of God, profess to be a Christian (because of that belief) but have not done the things Jesus said to do. Without working to obey what God says, we do not have what the Bible calls faith. James 2:19 demonstrates this by saying, *“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.”* Their belief is not coupled with works of righteousness. We all need *“faith working through love”* (Galatians 5:6).

Do you have Biblical Faith?

Know Your Bible

Name the Old Testament book/ chapter/verse that is quoted.

1. Behold, a virgin shall be will child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel (Matt. 1:23).
2. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths stright (Matt. 3:3).
3. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4).
4. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth (Matt. 5:38).

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.



The Purpose Of Baptism

by Charles Willis

Baptism is purported to be “an outward sign of an inward change” (Hope Community Church - hccmidland.com/baptism). This is a very common expression, sometimes stated as “an outward sign of an inward affection.” What is meant is that a person becomes a Christian, their sins are forgiven, they are in fellowship with God - all prior to baptism. This is not what the Bible teaches.

Baptism in water is for the forgiveness of sin. Many in our society do not believe this and argue against it loudly. However, they disagree with Scripture. *“Baptism now saves you”* (1 Peter 3:21). Jesus said, *“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved”* (Mark 16:16). Belief comes first, then repentance and obedience in baptism. Therefore, an infant (who has no belief) is not ready for baptism. Saul persecuted the church and he was told to *“Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name”* (Acts 22:16). This is exactly what was taught in the very first gospel sermon: *“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins”* (Acts 2:38). It is so important and necessary, Peter *“ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ”* (Acts 10:48).

Baptism places a person into fellowship with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This is vitally important to our understanding because Ephesians 1:3 says God has *“blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”* If I am not *“in Christ”* then I have none of the spiritual blessings (including forgiveness). How then do we get into Christ? *“All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”* (Galatians 3:27). See it again, *“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?”* (Romans 6:3). Jesus taught the necessity and importance of baptism saying, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit”* (Matthew 28:19). If you have not been baptized for the forgiveness of sin, you cannot be in fellowship with God.

Baptism is a pivot point. We move from guilt of sin to forgiven, from living disobedient to obedient. After baptism we are to walk *“in newness of life...For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin”* (Romans 6:1-6).

Have you been scripturally baptized into Christ?