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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. Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:34)
2. Delilah to Samson (Judges 16:10)
3. Hilkiah to Josiah (2 Kings 22:8)
4. Elijah (2 Kings 1:10)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Victor Studdard
Announcements: Arturo Orozco
Encouragement Talk: Ronnie Ramsey
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain
Scripture Reading: John Franks
1 Timothy 4:12-16
Song Leader: Harper Flores
Table Talk: Robert McCorkle
Contribution: Brad Smith
Helper: Theo Edge
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Lester Mabry
Helper: Jon Van Baale
Closing Prayer: Jacob McAdams

Sunday Afternoons

Mar 10 3PM Men's Meeting with Elders
Mar 17 3PM Yard/Building Workday
Mar 24 Nothing
Mar 31 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: John Franks
Speaker: Harper Flores



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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Where Do You Go For Comfort?

There are times when the Christian is tested to the depths of his or her faith. Periodically, Christians are forced by the death of their loved ones to continue living with loneliness. Regrettably, brethren fail in their resolve to serve the Lord, and are overtaken in sin. Such times find the heart of the Christian dark, filled with doubt and sorrow. In such times, we need comfort. But where do we go; to whom or what do we turn in order to find needed comfort?

We need to turn to God, even when we realize we have sinned against Him. The purpose of Jesus' parable of the prodigal son was to show how God, the Father, is always ready to receive back with joy the penitent profligate child (Luke 15:2,11-32). Like our Father, fellow Christians should forgive and comfort the brother or sister who repents of their sins. Paul exhorted the brethren in Corinth to forgive him and comfort him. Lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow (2 Corinthians 2:7). A two-way street should always be clear in our lives as Christians. We should turn to God and His people for comfort and forgiveness, and we should be perceived by those in deep sorrow over sin as people who are quick to forgive and ready to comfort.

When sin is not present, but we are suffering persecution due to standing for the faith of the Gospel, we should turn to those who have endured like sufferings because of receiving God's comfort. Paul encouraged his brethren to remain steadfast by knowing God comforteth us in all our affliction that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God (2 Corinthians 1:4). When you suffer persecution because of your stand for the faith, do you turn to faithful brethren who have been where you are and can comfort you?

We should turn to the Scriptures for comfort. For whatsoever things were written afore- time were written for our learning, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures

we might have hope” (Romans 15:4). The Old Testament Scriptures spoke of the coming of Christ in whom we have hope for salvation. Today, we have them fulfilled in Christ and the promises found in the New Testament Scriptures to provide us great comfort in times of sorrow.

Paul did not want his brethren to sorrow as those who have no hope when death has separated them from their beloved fellow Christians. By the inspiration of God he revealed of glorious events that were ahead of all of us. Jesus will return at the trump of God, the dead in Christ will be raised first; Christians alive when the Lord returns, will together with those who have died in Christ be caught up in the air to meet the Lord; and together, in this caught up manner, we will forever be with the Lord (I Thessalonians 4:13-17). After revealing what is ahead for the Christian, Paul writes, *“Wherefore comfort one another with these words”* (I Thessalonians 4:18).

What do you want emphasized at your funeral that will comfort your loved ones? We should want the Scriptures, containing the promises of God and the reason for our hope in Christ emphasized. How much Scripture do you hear emphasized at the funerals you attend? Our relationship with Christ and His word should be at the forefront of offering comfort to our mourners.

By Jerry Fite



A daily look in the mirror does much to inform us of what needs improvement!



“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and has continued in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does” (James 1:23-25).

Know Your Bible

Who Said It?

1. Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?
2. You have toyed with me and told me lies; now please tell me how you may be bound.
3. I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.
4. If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.

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.



Eternity

by Charles Willis

It is difficult for us to comprehend the meaning of eternity. We have all heard explanations from the trite to the complex. We should all be interested in trying to understand eternity because that is where we will be after this life is over.

God lives in eternity and He is eternal (Deuteronomy 32:40). He existed before the mountains were born (Psalm 90:2) and will endure forever (Psalm 9:7). God says of Himself, I am *“the first and the last”* (Isaiah 44:6). Since God is eternal, He can give us eternal life through Jesus Christ who became *“the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him”* (Hebrews 5:9). That places a condition on our receiving eternal life - we must be obedient to God.

Having a God who is eternal provides benefits to the believer. He is the same to all generations (Psalm 102:12). Isaiah 46:9-10 teaches He declares the end from the beginning and will all accomplish all His plans. 2 Peter 3:8-10 proclaims He is patient toward us and *“with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.”*

We look forward to a time when we will dwell with God in heaven for eternity. It has been aptly phrased a “world without end.” I think the diagram below simply describes eternity in a sense we can begin to understand. The circle is unending, time has a definite beginning and end. Our hope in Christ Jesus is: we will be saved to spend an eternity with God. We must not forget there is also an eternal punishment for the

All of Eternity - an unending circle

ALL OF TIME:
Creation
to the
Second Coming
of Christ