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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. A letter to the Laodiceans (Colossians 4:16)
2. Joab (2 Samuel 11:4, 15)
3. Sennacherib (2 Kings 19:14)
4. Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21:12)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Truett Blazek
Announcements: Eddie Bowen
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain
Scripture Reading: John Van Baale
Titus 3:8-15
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Ronnie Ramsey
Contribution: Kevin Buckner
Helper:
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Lester Mabryy
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Closing Prayer: Casey Thomas

Sunday Afternoons

July 14 Devotionals are postponed
July 21 Nothing
July 28 Classroom Quarter Change
Aug 4 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Kevin Buckner
Speaker: Charles Willis



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 Christian And Sin

One may become disappointed in the following statement, but it is nonetheless true. Everyone realizes the statement is true, but often act as if they did not believe it. Notice: Everyone commits sin! When one becomes a Christian, they continue to live in the flesh, but not to the flesh. Because they are in the flesh, they are subject to every temptation that any other flesh-person is subjected.

Many turn their back upon Christianity because “So and So” committed a sin, and we saw them! Influence is significant, and should be guarded at all times, but, be realistic! No one is perfect, excepting Jesus Christ! Christians desire perfection, reach for perfection. Everyone has some kind of “thorn in the flesh.” Human weaknesses abound. No one is really any better than another. Grace is a gift of God, not an earned blessing! Thus, one should not attempt to manifest himself better than another.

Christians are warned, “*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world*” (1 John 2:1-2). “*Take heed brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God*” (Heb. 3:12). “*How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?*” (Heb. 2:2). “*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin*” (James 4:17). “*For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins*” (Heb. 10:26). Yes, Christians can commit sin, but they should not!

The Apostle said, “*Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God*” (1 John 3:9). This passage must be harmonized with the foregoing warnings. “Cannot” does not mean without power to sin. The Christian “cannot” afford to sin because the seed is within them. When the Christian chooses to sin, the seed is not in him. Jesus said the seed of the Kingdom is the word of God. The Bible is a powerful force to enable one to overcome the urge to sin.

Noah, "...was a just man and perfect in his generations..." (Gen. 6:6). And yet, Noah was guilty of sin. After the flood was over, *"And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine and was drunken..."* (Gen. 9:20–21). Drunkenness is a sin. The footnote on "perfect" suggests "wholehearted."

Again, John teaches, *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us"* (1 John 1:8–10). This is why we continually need the blood of Jesus Christ which keeps on washing us clean as we repent (1:7). No one is perfect, but anyone can be perfectly forgiven!

Friend, do not seek perfection in mankind! We all have clay feet! But there is One who can never lead you astray. Turn to Jesus, put your confidence in Him. Follow whatsoever He teaches in the word for you to do. Quit questioning God! Quit following your own ways! The way of the cross leads home! Come walk that way with me! by *Donald Willis*, New Caney bulletin, July 28, 1985

Marriage AND Family

Keep your eyes open before marriage, half shut afterwards.
Benjamin Franklin

A successful marriage is one in which you fall in love many times, always with the same person.
D. W. McLaughlin

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century.
Mark Twain

True intimacy...exists in marriage when each feels free to share innermost feelings with the other, knowing that the sharing of those feelings will not lessen the other's commitment to love.
Nancie Carmichael

Know Your Bible

Take A Letter

1. What lost letter of Paul is mentioned in the letter to the Colossians?
2. Who received a letter from David telling him to put Uriah in the heat of the battle?
3. What mighty king wrote a letter to Hezekiah about surrender?
4. What king received a letter from Elijah predicting judgment on his sinful reign?

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.



Bible Words You Need To Know

Redemption

Ephesians 1:7 *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace"*

Redemption is from the Greek words *apolutrosis*, meaning "a releasing effected by payment of ransom" (Thayer's Lexicon). "To buy back" is a good working definition.

That redemption is needed indicates we are presently in bondage to sin. *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law"* (Galatians 3:13). That curse was the condemnation for disobedience. *"Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ"* (1 Peter 1:18–19). Redeemed from the futile way of life in sin. This is made possible *"by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus"* (Romans 3:24).

Reconciliation

Romans 5:10–11 *"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation."*

Reconciliation is from the Greek word *katallagē* meaning "exchange... adjustment of a difference, reconciliation, restoration to favour" (Thayer's Lexicon). "Enmity" is whatever stands between parties making them enemies. Reconciliation is the removal of enmity bringing a restoration of favor. Our sin makes us the enemy of God, but it is removed (forgiven) through Jesus Christ so that we receive the reconciliation and return to God's favor. *"He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach"* (Colossians 1:22).

Atonement

Exodus 32:30 *"You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the Lord, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."*

Atonement is from the Hebrew word *kaphar* meaning "to cover, purge, make an atonement, make reconciliation, cover over with pitch" (Brown, Driver Briggs Hebrew Dictionary). Atonement is the covering over of sin, hiding it or removing it from consideration so that a man can be considered righteous before God. The word is not found in the New Testament (NASB), but the concepts are seen in words like propitiation, reconciliation, ransom, redemption, and cover. *"he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."* (James 5:20).