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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. Daniel (9:3)

2. Tyre & Sidon (Matt. 11:21)

3. Mordecai (Esther 4:1–3)

4. God (Job 42:6)

This Week's Assignments & Events	
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons
Greeter: Jayson Richardson	May 4 3PM Devotionals
Announcements: John Van Baale	
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen	May11 Nothing
Opening Prayer: Tyler Blazek	
Scripture Reading: Truett Blazek	May 18 Nothing
Luke 8:49–56	
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner	
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco	May 23 3PM Building Work Day
Contribution: Josh Emerson	
Helper: Corwin Richardson	
Fruit of Vine: John Franks	Wednesday Evening
Helper: Verlin Wilson	Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Lester Mabry	Speaker: Eddie Bowen
Closing Prayer: Scott McDearman	



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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Just A Closer Walk

The concept of the Christian walking with God is frequent in the New Testament. Out “walk” is how we live our life. This is a good expression that causes us to look at where we walk and how we are walking. One of the oldest and most favorite hymns is a spiritual whose writer is unknown, but the timeless sentiments it contains ever speaks: *“I am weak but Thou are strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong. I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.”*

To walk close to the Savior we must be able to follow in His steps. The treacherous path of life can be a difficult course, but Jesus has shown us the way by going before us. All we must do is follow the Savior. His steps are evidence to our view when we look into the glorious word of God. Hesitation and doubt are dispelled by faith in our resurrected Lord! *“The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked”* (1 John 2:6). Jesus is our example in how to walk close to God. Though at times we may feel confused about where to take out next step, we must look to Jesus and “walk by faith” (2 Cor. 5:7). We know the results of the walk Christ led, therefore we can trust in His example. We must “walk in truth” (3 John 4) to please God.

To walk close to Jesus we must walk “worthy of God” (1 Thess. 2:12). We can never be truly “worthy” of God since all have sinned; but we can try to live in such a way that God’s name will not be dishonored. This is the obligation of everyone who wears the name of Christ. This was exactly the plea of the apostle Paul in Colossians 1:10-11; *“that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience.”* Paul also told the Ephesians to *“walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called”* (Eph. 4:1). No one can deny the truth from Scripture - that Jesus walked worthy of God! If we desire to walk close to the Lord, we must walk in a

worthy manner before God.

Walking close to the Lord requires prayer. No relationship can exist without communication. Jesus instructs us to pray in secret (Matt. 6:6) that the Father may reward us openly. Out prayers are not to be full of vain repetitions (Matt. 6:7), but should be the open expression of our heart. *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you”* (Matt. 7:7). We look to Jesus as our example. His life was full of prayer, and we know He walked close to God. If we desire to walk close to God we must develop and maintain a prayer life that is in accordance with God’s word (John 14:13; 1 John 5:14; Mark 11:24; James 1:6–7).

I love the sentiment in the old hymn that says *“I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.”* No matter what hardships we encounter on our walk through this life, they are endurable when we are close to Christ, keeping Him at our side. Contentment is what all men search for - happiness in life. Many of the people in the Bible had this happiness. Paul, among many, exemplified this when he said, *“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom”* (2 Tim. 4:18). Wherever his path led, he was content. Why? Because he was close to Christ and God. I want to be close to Christ and God too. Don’t you? (CLW)

*“Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.”*

As Summer Approaches

Be sure to include these dates in your plans. All are at 3PM on Sundays.

May 25th - Building Interior Work Day

June 1st - Visitation Day (not at building)

June 8th - Singing

June 22nd - Devotionals

July 13th - Summer Study (Romans 6)

July 27th - Classroom Quarter Change

August 17th - Devotionals

(a yellow copy of the yearly calendar is on the table in the foyer)



***Know
Your
Bible***

**Sackcloth
and Ashes**

1. What prophet of Babylon wore sackcloth while seeking the Lord?
2. What two cities did Jesus say would have repented in sackcloth and ashes if they could have seen His miracles?
3. Who put on sackcloth when he learned of a government plan to wipe out the Jews?
4. Who was Job speaking to when he said, “I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes”?

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.



Baptism and Acts 19:1–7

C.L.W.

Too many voices are arguing today that baptism is nothing significant in scripture. That it is merely an outward sign of an inward affection. It is just a symbolic gesture of the salvation already attained through faith. Even some in the Lord’s church are making this argument. This cannot be the case because of the testimony of scripture. Consider this testimony from Acts 19.

As Paul came upon some disciples who had not heard of the Holy Spirit, he asked them: *“Into what then were you baptized?”* Think about that. If baptism is not necessary and serves no purpose – why would Paul be concerned to ask this question? If the doctrine of salvation by faith is true, this entire text serves no purpose. I mean this truly – they were called disciples. Verse 2 indicates Paul understood they were believers, *“Did you receive the Holy spirit when you believed?”* Uh-oh, another problem for the doctrine of salvation by faith: “when you believed” in context must be equated with verse 3’s reference to baptism! Belief alone is not even under discussion, but an obedient trusting faith.

The thrust of Paul’s question in verse 3 indicates baptism has a purpose: *“Into what then were you baptized?”* Baptism is the act or condition of obedience that places us into something. This is not questioned by these “disciples,” though men today dispute that very issue! These disciples knew what he meant and answered, *“Into John’s baptism.”* Notice in this answer, their emphasis is on John. Baptism in their instance was in obedience to the instruction of God through the John the Baptist. However, Paul points out to them that John taught *“to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”* So verse 5 tells us, *“they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

The world argues baptism is not important or necessary. Why then were these “re-baptized”? It must be that John’s baptism was not the instruction of God at this point in time. The apostles were to preach salvation in the name of Jesus. These were evidently good men with good hearts who were attempting to please God – but they had not yet obeyed the Law of God under which they lived. Baptism was necessary for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). The Holy Spirit would not come upon them prior to this (v.2) and only came upon them after Paul placed his hands on them (v.6). Please notice Paul, as an apostle, had the ability to confer miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Had these men been right with God WITHOUT BAPTISM INTO CHRIST then why didn’t he just lay hands on them at the beginning of the text? Why require baptism in the name of Jesus? Obviously the text indicates baptism had a purpose.

Thankfully, this is not the only passage to help our understanding about baptism, but it does completely agree with every other verse. These men had been baptized, but into the wrong thing. The purpose of their previous baptism was for repentance (v.4). They needed to be baptized INTO CHRIST (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:4), and they needed to be baptized for the right purpose: the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). These are the same reasons people need to be baptized today. Some have not been baptized into Christ, but merely into some church or denomination. Others are baptized for a wrong purpose, many to demonstrate a salvation they believe had already happened. Some today need to be re-baptized *“for the remission of their sins”* (Acts 2:38), for *“baptism now saves you”* (1 Pet. 3:21).