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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. Joseph of Arimathea (Matt. 27:59–60)

2. Joshua (10:16–18)

3. Daniel (6:7)

4. The Pharisees (Luke 19:40)

5. Moses (Exodus 17:6)

This Week's Assignments & Events		
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot	July 13	3PM Summer Study
Announcements: Kevin Buckner		
Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson	July 20	Nothing
Opening Prayer: John Van Baale		
Scripture Reading: Eddie Bowen	July 27	3PM Classroom Quarter Change
Luke 10:17–24		
Song Leader: Billy Lovell	Aug 3	Nothing
Table Talk: Arturo Orozco		
Contribution: Sandon Spyker		
Helper: Theo Edge		
Fruit of Vine: John Franks		
Helper: Aaron Heald		
Helper: Lester Mabry		
Closing Prayer: Kyle Crain		
	Wednesday Evening	
	Song Leader: Arturo Orozco	
	Speaker: John Franks	



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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No Difference

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). It makes no difference who we are, God loves us. Whether we are someone of great standing in the community or someone never heard of, God know us and loves us. His love for us is so great He sent His Son to die for us.

“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18). God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) and will not save someone because of who they are. Likewise, He will not fail to punish someone because of who they are. To God, who we are in the world makes no difference, only whether we are obedient. That makes a difference!

“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost” (Revelation 22:17). It makes no difference how terrible we may think our sins are, Jesus invites all of us to come and drink of the water of life. The pious man and the murderer alike are given opportunity to drink because of the blood of Jesus Christ. The invitation is for ALL men because ALL men need it. If Jesus extends salvation in this way, surely we who are spreading the message should not limit who we are willing to talk to!

“He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world” (1 John 2:2). The sins of all mankind were carried on the shoulders of Jesus Christ when He was crucified on Calvary. It make snot difference what the sin was, or why it was committed, Christ had to die to reconcile man with God. Christ died for MY sin and for YOUR sin. It makes no difference who we are, the whole world is in the same condition of needing Jesus Christ to make propitiation for our sins.

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36). Any man who turns to Jesus Christ and believes on Him “has eternal life”! This belief necessitates a willing obedience on our part to do the things that Christ has commanded. It make no difference who we are, Jesus *“became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation”* (Hebrews 5:9). If our own pride or desires will not allow us to be obedient, then God will not save us. But on the other hand, no matter who we are, God will save the obedient. God’s judgement is not contingent upon social status or personal economic stability. God will deal righteously with each one of us.

“It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). All men will face the judgment, no matter who we are. It will make no difference how many people answered to us in this life, at the judgment we will give answer to God! The “nobody” and the “socially powerful” will each give answer for their own life. No one will pass the buck. No one will be able to strike a deal. God is righteous.

We in the church rightfully believe we are blessed with salvation, but some want to Lord that over others. Hear the truth of Romans 3:22–23 - *“even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* Jesus came for everyone. Let’s do our best to inform everyone!

By Charles Willis

THE *fear* OF THE LORD IS THE
BEGINNING OF *Wisdom*,
AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY ONE IS
Understanding.
PROVERBS 9:10

**Know
Your
Bible**

Stones

1. Who rolled the stone across the tomb where Jesus was buried?
2. Who sealed up 5 chieftains in a cave by rolling large stones across the entrance?
3. Who was thrown into a den of lions that was sealed with a stone?
4. Who did Jesus tell that the stones would cry out if the people were silenced?
5. Who struck a rock and brought forth water?

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.



Worshipping Idols

by Charles Willis

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them” (Exodus 20:4–5). In the Law for the Israelites, God had much to say about worshipping idols, and the people did not pay attention to what God said. Just days later they were worshipping the golden calf made by Aaron while Moses was receiving the Law on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32). God allowed the Israelites to be occupied by foreign nations to cause them to turn back to Him and stop serving the idols (the book of Judges). During the time of the Kings, Solomon worshipped the idols (1 Kings 11), Jereboam (who ruled over the 10 tribes of the northern nation of “Israel”) made two golden calves, created a priesthood and declared *“behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt”* (1 Kings 12:28), and the people worshipped the idols for generations. Many of the Kings of Judah also worshipped idols for generations. Idolatry is the reason God allowed the Syrians to capture Israel and carry the people off into bondage (never to return as a nation), and idolatry is why God used Babylon to conquer Judah and carry the people off into slavery. Though God warned, the Israelites did not listen and did what they wanted, angering God which frequently led to their physical destruction.

The first century world was full of idols, even worshipping dead Roman Emperors as gods. There are many warnings to Christians such as Acts 15:20 to *“abstain from things contaminated by idols”*, and *“Do not be idolaters”* (1 Corinthians 10:7), and *“guard yourselves from idols”* (1 John 5:21). The teaching is strong in the New Testament, *“what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God”* (2 Corinthians 6:16). Galatians 5:19 lists *“idolatry”* as a deed of the flesh , saying in verse 21 *“those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

As Christians today, we cannot dismiss such strong teaching in Scripture, but should listen to it and learn. Idols (literal statues people worship) are all around us and all over the world. But there are a few other descriptions of idolatry we also need to hear. *“Consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry”* (Colossians 3:5). Philippians 3:19 speaks of those *“whose god is their appetite.”* *“Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”* (Romans 1:24–25). Idols are a useless (vain) thing (Acts 14:15). Our soul will be lost if we do not serve the *“living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them”* (Acts 14:15).