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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. The Lord’s Supper (Luke 22:19)

2. The Rainbow (Genesis 9:13–16)

3. Passover (Exodus 12:11–14)

4. Feast of Booths (Tabernacles)
(Leviticus 23:39–43)

5. God’s miraculous provisions in the
wilderness (Exodus 16:32)

This Week’s Assignments & Events	
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons
Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot	Aug 17 3PM Devotionals
Announcements: Billy Lovell	
Encouragement Talk: John Van B aale	Aug 24 3PM Visitation Day
Opening Prayer: Arturo Orozco	
Scripture Reading: John Franks	Aug 31 Nothing
Luke 11:29–36	
Song Leader: Kevin Buckner	
Table Talk: Eddie Bowen	Sept 7 Weekend Study
Contribution: Tyler Blazek	
Helper: Truett Blazek	
Fruit of Vine: Sandon Spyker	
Helper: Kyle Crain	
Helper: Lester Mabry	
Closing Prayer: Josh Emerson	
	Wednesday Evening
	Song Leader: Truett Blazek
	Speaker: Tyler Blazek



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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A Problem In Israel

Many things remain the same today as they were in ancient times. Technology changes, but the basic understanding of how men think and live has not changed. This is especially true about how men think they can worship God.

There was a problem in Israel that God tells to Jeremiah. “*Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,” declares the Lord*” (Jeremiah 7:8–11). The problem in Israel was the same problem that plagues many people today: they offered hypocritical worship.

The Israelites were living life any way they pleased. They lived for this life and claimed their deliverance was in the Lord. Men continue to follow every whim and pleasure during the week to sit in a pew on Sunday and proclaim how the Lord is their deliverance.

God told the Israelites “*I have seen it*” (Jer. 7:11), and God sees when we offer hypocritical worship. It boils down to whether or not we are going to obey the Lord. God commanded the Israelites saying, “*obey My voice*” (Jer. 7:23) and yet “*they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward*” (Jer. 7:24). Hypocritical worship is derived from a lack of obedience. When trying to straddle the fence we are not on God’s side. When God commands “*obey My voice*” we must be fully committed. We cannot follow the counsel of our heart. Jesus said “*He who is not with Me is against Me*” (Matthew 12:30). There is no in-between.

Our problem arises when we try to invent an in between place. We are tempted by things Christians are forbidden to do. When we give in to those temptation we may think “God is my deliverer.” That is exactly what Paul was preaching against in Romans 6. *“What we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? May it never be”* (Rom. 6:1). There is a problem with our thinking when this is our attitude. God HAS extended His grace toward us in Christ, but He expects our obedience. Jesus said, *“If you love Me, keep My commandments”* (John 14:15). We hear the voice of the world calling to us. We hear the voice of our own heart. We hear the false doctrines that can sound good. Jesus says, *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”* Just like God expected the Israelites to obey Him, we must obey Christ or we will be offering hypocritical worship.

To say we love Christ, and give allegiance to His cause requires a sacrifice of our will in order to obey Him. We must join Christ in attitude and thought by praying *“not My will, but Thine be done”* (Matthew 26:39). Only after we decide to completely and fully get off the fence on the Lord’s side and obey the Lord will He be pleased with our worship and service to Him. We cannot be a Christian and walk in our own counsels, in the stubbornness of our evil heart. Destruction is their end (Jer. 7:27–34). Hypocritical worship and service does not bring us closer to God. It causes us to go backward, and not forward (Jer. 7:24). The Israelites had a problem. Have we learned from their mistakes?

by Charles Willis

THREE

FACTS TO BE BELIEVED

1. Death (1 Cor. 15:3) 2. Burial (Acts 2:22) 3. Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:17)

COMMANDS TO BE OBEYED

1. Believe (Acts 16:31) 2. Repent (Acts 3:19) 3. Be Baptized (Acts 10:48)

PROMISES TO BE ENJOYED

1. Remission (Acts 3:19) 2. Gift of Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) 3. Eternal Life (Rom. 6:23)

Know Your Bible

Reminders

1. What is intended to be a reminder of Christ’s body and blood?
2. What is given as a reminder God would never again destroy the world with water?
3. What feast was a reminder of the death angel killing the firstborn in Egypt?
4. What feast was a reminder of the simple homes in Egypt?
5. What was the manna in the Ark of t he Covenant a reminder of?

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 Sad Word - Almost

Robert Jackson

We read about a man in the 26th chapter of the book of Acts who spoke these words: *“Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”* The word ALMOST is indeed a very sad word. It is sad in this case, for we never read where the man ever obeyed the Lord. He was almost saved. Why was he almost saved, and not altogether saved?

It Was Not The Fault OfThe Preacher

The preacher on this occasion was the beloved Paul. He was speaking as the Spirit of God gave him utterance. Nothing could be wrong with what he said nor the manner in which it was delivered. IT is true that often times we have some preachers who drive people away from the Truth, but not so upon this occasion.

It Was Not What Was Preached

The Truth is the only thing that can save one (John 17:17). This was all that was delivered to Agrippa upon this great occasion.

It Was Solely The Fault OfThe Man

There was no way that he could blame the preacher. He could not blame the Truth. The fault was the fact that he just rejected the opportunity. This is sad. Jesus said time and time again that NOW is the time to prepare for eternity. In 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 Paul said, “Now is the day of salvation.” Jesus was not fooling about what he said, nor was Paul.

My friend, I beg of you not to be in that sad number that was almost saved. Think about it - *now is the time to obey God.*

Redeem The Time

Donald Willis

Time is indeed priceless! It can be used, wasted, abused; but, it cannot be purchased nor rolled back and relived.

It is often argued, “I don’t have time.” Generally this will arise when one is discussing the church or some aspect of its work. Those who need to obey the gospel don’t have time to spend studying the Bible to find out what God requires of them. Members of the church don’t have time to do service which they have been encouraged to perform.

How people use their time is a proper index to character. Those who can find time for fun and pleasure in spite of their jobs and obligations, but neglect their duties in the church by the excuse, “I don’t have time,” are poor examples of Christians.

Those who are using their time as they should are busy like other folks and meet their obligations in life. But they know the significance of Paul’s admonition, “...redeeming the time” (Ephesians 5:16).