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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. Deborah (Judges 4–5)

2. Anna (Luke 2:36–38)

3. Elisabeth (Luke 1)

4. Jezebel (1 Kings 16–19)

5. Esther

This Week's Assignments & Events		
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter: Truett Blazek	Dec 28	Nothing
Announcements: Josh Emerson		
Encouragement Talk: Kevin BBuckner	Jan 4	Nothing
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain		
Scripture Reading: Aaron Emerson	Jan 11	3PM Devotionals
Luke 17:11–21		
Song Leader: John Franks	Jan 18	Nothing
Table Talk: John Van Baale		
Contribution: Jordan Thomas		
Helper: Sandon Spyker		
Fruit of Vine: Arturo Orozco		
Helper: Leighton Daniels		
Helper: Gobi Warner		
Closing Prayer: Billy Lovell		
	Wednesday Evening	
	Song Leader:	Kevin Buckner
	Speaker:	Josh Emerson



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 Divine Cleansing

Disease ravages the souls of men. It eats away at the righteousness of some, while totally consuming others. This disease spreads rapidly through the mind and body affecting all aspects of life. Like any disease, this one destroys, but this one destroys our fellowship with God.

Strange as it may seem, the disease of sin is a voluntary malady. It does not overpower us unknowingly, we must willingly infect ourselves. “*But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death*” (James 1:14–15). The end result of this disease is the death of our soul.

The ravages of this disease can be seen throughout all of mankind, “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). Everyone has felt the debilitating effect of this disease. It touches the small and the great. Those who are wise, and those who are uneducated. Sin is the affliction of human kind. “*If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us*” (1 John 1:8). Sin is “*lawlessness*” (1 John 3:4) and “*the wages of sin is death*” (Romans 6:3). A transgression of God’s law results in the eternal destruction of our soul. All men have sinned, therefore we conclude that all men are destined to live an eternity in hell.

There is a remedy, but it was very costly. No man could pay the price because “*all have sinned*” and the cure required a sacrifice which no man could attain. God “*made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf*” (2 Corinthians 5:21). “*By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all*” (Hebrews 10:10). Christ was the only one who could pay the cost for the cure. Christ did this willingly, knowing what would happen before it took place. “*We do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of*

the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:9). The cost for the cure was very high, it was the death of the Son of God, bearing the sins of all mankind.

This is not a half-way measure that brings us a degree of success, this cure redeems us from *"every lawless deed"* and 'purifies' us (Titus 2:14). This sickness of sin that taints our soul can be forever removed. God says, *"their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more"* (Hebrews 10:17). The cure is absolute and complete. By one offering *"He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified"* (Hebrews 10:14). *"The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). *"Thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness"* (Romans 6:17–18). *"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed"* (1 Peter 2:24). Purification, perfection, cleansing, freedom, healing. These are the results of our acceptance of the cure.

It is possible for us to be reintroduced to the disease and become infected again. *"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins"* (Hebrews 10:26). The blood of Christ is our only cure. If we reject Him, we have no hope. However, 1 John 1:7 says the blood of Christ *"cleanses us from all sin."* His blood cleanses us from sin when we are baptized (Romans 6:3–6), and it will continue to cleanse us when we repent and call upon God for forgiveness (Acts 8:22). All of mankind suffers from the disease of sin, but no one's soul must suffer death because Jesus is our cure. We do not have to die the second death! Let's all look to the "Great Physician" and give thanks!

By Charles Willis

**Know
Your
Bible**

Women

- 1. Who was the only female judge of Israel?
- 2. What widowed prophetess was 84 when she saw the young Jesus in the temple?
- 3. What elderly cousin of Mary became the mother of John the Baptist?
- 4. What scheming princess of Tyre married and manipulated the weak king Ahab?
- 5. What Jewish girl married a Persian emperor and helped save her people from extinction?

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.



Believer's Past And Present

As Seen In Ephesians 2

THE PAST		THE PRESENT	
	verse		verse
We were dead in sin	1	We are quickened (KJ)	1
We lived according to the world	2		
We were servants of the flesh	3		
We were the children of wrath	3		
		We are saved	5
		We are raised	6
		We are seated	6
		We are created in Christ	10
We were without Christ	12		
We were aliens	12		
We were strangers	12		
We were without hope	12		
We were without God	12		
We were far off	13	We are brought near	13
		We are made one	14
		We are made new	15
We were at enmity	16	We are reconciled	16
		We have access to the Father	18
		We are fellow citizens	19
		We are built	20
		We are fitted together	21
		We are a built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit	22

"for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father" (Ephesians 2:18)

By James Smith
Handfuls on Purpose, Vol. 4, page 258, Edited to fit