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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. John (Revelation 1:9)

2. 430 years (Exodus 12:40)

3. Cain (Genesis 4:13–16)

4. Ezekiel (1:1–2)

5. Cyrus of Persia (2 Chron. 36)

6. One, Judah (2 Kings 17:18)

This Week's Assignments & Events		
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter: Truett Blazek	May 17	Nothing
Announcements: John Franks		
Encouragement Talk: Jordan Thomas	May 24	Nothing
Opening Prayer: Paul Hainline		
Scripture Reading: Aaron Heald	May 31	3PM Visitation Day
Luke 22:1–13		
Song Leader: Billy Lovell		
Table Talk: Kevin Buckner	June 7	3PM Singing
Contribution: Leighton Daniels		
Helper: Casey Thomas		
Fruit of Vine: Ronnie Ramsey		
Helper: Billy Scherry		
Helper: Lester Mabry		
Closing Prayer: Arturo Orozco		
	Wednesday Evening	
	Song Leader: Kevin Buckner	
	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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Wisdom

Many are the lessons to be learned from the book of Proverbs. In particular, I call your attention to chapter four, verses twelve and thirteen, where he says; *“When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, though shalt not stumble. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.”*

“WHEN THOU GOEST, THY STEPS SHALL NOT BE STRAITENED...”

This is the fatherly advice given to a son wherein he is shown the benefits and advantages which come from receiving good instruction, attending to counsel, and imbibing the principles of wisdom. His promise is that one’s course of life shall be freed from obstacles, from anxiety, and perplexity. I do not understand him to be saying that the man of wisdom shall have no difficulties in life, but that he shall be freed from the most devastating of all difficulties which are those that arise from a lack of wisdom. Let’s face it, the troubles we create in our own lives through unwise decisions turn out to be our biggest enemies. But, if we partake freely of wisdom then we shall avoid most of our problems and our path will not be narrowed or confined by our own blunders.

“AND WHEN THOU RUNNEST, THOU SHALT NOT STUMBLE.”

Wisdom furnishes a man with the ability to take prompt and decisive action which keeps him from needless stumbling in the affairs of life. Good instruction and wisdom, but inspiring within us the unity of principle, gives us freedom of movement, and removes embarrassment and perplexity arising from a conflict of interest. For instance, a man who consistently tells the truth never meets himself coming back. Therefore, he escapes the embarrassment of a double tongue and he enjoys a certain freedom that is not enjoyed by those who are trapped in the web of duplicity.

“TAKE FAST HOLD OF INSTRUCTION; LET HE NOT GO; KEEP HER;...” Grab her at once and hold on with all your might. Take hold of instruction and wisdom and hold on life a shipwrecked sailor tenaciously grasping a floating object. If one is to “take fast hold of instruction” there are three things he must know.

1. He must know the necessity of holding fast. Knowledge is not innate, it does not come without some conscious effort. The material things of life are rudely trying to push aside the truth in our hearts, and truth will never prevail unless we make an effort. The commands of God do not always agree with our own desires, but wisdom urges us to allow His lofty mandates to regulate our lives. Therefore, let us thirst after His instruction.

2. He must know how to hold fast. God has granted us power to command our thoughts. We have the ability to fix our thoughts and our attention on certain topics in preference to others. Therefore, to hold fast we must fix our thoughts in Divine Truth. We can do this by reading the Bible, by attending services where the Word is taught, and by putting truth into practice. There is no better way of holding fast to instruction than by obeying it!

He must know the advantage of holding fast. We must realize completely that Divine Truth is not a mere luxury, but is a necessity of life. Truth is a guide from the way of ruin to the way of life. As the wise man said it; “for she is thy life.” Real living depends upon the observance of her Divine Precepts.

Someone has said, “Wisdom is the reception of knowledge into one’s self.” Let us long for God’s instruction and let us seek and pray for wisdom to make it a part of our life. By W.R.Jones

“...And Few There Be...”By W.R.Jones

Jesus made a startling announcement when he said, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13–14). “AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.” Do you understand why, “few there be?” It is not because God has chosen and determined the number, you may be sure. God has revealed His righteousness as found in the gospel of Christ. He has made man a free moral agent with the power to choose good or evil. Therefore, the fault is

***Know
Your
Bible***

Exiles

- 1. What apostle was exiled to Patmos?
- 2. How many years were the Israelites in Egypt?
- 3. Who was exiled to the land of Nod?
- 4. What prophet went into exile in Babylon?
- 5. What king issued an edict ending the exile of the Jews?
- 6. When the Assyrians deported the people of Israel, how many of the 12 tribes were left?

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.



in man and not in God.

Men fail to “see God” and walk in the “narrow way” because of impurity in their hearts. Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). The expression “see God” means to discern, to enjoy, understand, comprehend, and experience. To see God is to enter into a relationship with Him, it is to possess His kingdom and enjoy its blessings.

The word “pure” mean; “without alloy, clear, unmixed, and simple”. To be “pure in heart” means that one has a clear and unmixed understanding of truth. His understanding is not muddled with an admixture of error. His eye is single, and his mind is not divided. The man with double vision can not see straight. The man who has one eye or error or opinion, and one eye on God’s Word, will never understand the truth and he will not see God. If he becomes single in vision he can understand and know God. Blurred vision is caused by trying to look at two things at the same time. Let us single our vision on the things of God, and in turn we shall truly know Him.

Accepting ChristBy W.R.Jones

We hear a great deal of talk about accepting Jesus Christ. What does it mean to accept Christ? If we answer this question properly, we have to consider two things; (1) Jesus the “man”, our Savior, and (2) His plan, the divine revelation which is the New Testament. Many people think, accepting Christ is one thing, and accepting His word is yet another matter. To them, it is important that men feel deeply about who Christ was, and what He did, but not very important that we do what He said. This mistaken idea is the reason that millions have given “mental assent” to Christ our Savior, yet felt little or no responsibility toward obeying His commands. I believe it is impossible to “believe in and accept Christ,” without accepting both Jesus the “man”, and His Divine plan. Listen to Jesus, “*and why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say*” (Luke 6:46).

In view of all the Bible evidence, I remain firmly committed to the proposition that accepting Jesus Christ includes both the personal belief in Jesus, and faithful obedience to His commands revealed in the New Testament.

Perhaps you already believe in Him as the Son of God. If so, I rejoice! BUT, are you willing to accept and obey His commands? I urge you to obey Him!